reasury, at any period not earlier than one year after the passage
 this act, and upon due public notice, to exchange the cents pro-
ided for by this act, for those now current, upon such terms as
ay ensure a sufficient supply of copper from that source, and
th a view to the gradual withdrawal of the old coins from cir-
ulation. But no other copper coins or tokens shall be so received.

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emarks: The impolicy and incongruity of having two cents of
uite different weights, current at the same time, suggests the propri-
ty of conferring the discretionary power. The coinage of cents and
alf cents up to May last amounted in round numbers to $1,520,000.
qual to, say 1520 tons; the larger part of which are probably now
 circulation; and it is well known that some parts of the country
e crowded with them. On this subject we have frequent complaint
ithout the power of providing a remedy. The proposed cent of 96
rains, assuming the planchets to cost 41½ cents a pound avoirdu-
ois would afford a profit of 43 per ~~cents per pound~~. The new bronze
oinage of France, assuming the same cost of planchets, yields a
rofit of 54 per cent. We are therefore within the line of safe pre-
dent, considering that the French coin passes freely. But in addi-
on to this, it should be noted, that much of the importance of
e new cent project consists in relieving the country from the present
ndundant cents; and if it will require, as is probable, 50 cents a pound
 get in the old cents, and a considerable per centage for working
em up into new planchets, the profit as above stated will be con-
iderably diminished; so much so, as to obviate objection on that
ore. It is quite important to keep in view the two objects of the
aw, namely, the issue of a light and convenient coin, and the with-
rawal of a cumbrous one; and to accomplish both objects, a consid-

erable apparent profit will be necessary. In the matter of making the exchange, the mint should have a sort of ubiquity, by paying the expenses of transportation both ways; so that our fellow citizens at Milwaukie, or Tallahassee, would be placed on the same footing as those in Philadelphia.

I may say, in regard to the danger of counterfeiting, that t would seem impossible to push into circulation, to any profitable extent, a coinage of so low a denomination. The numerous copper tokens of 1837 were openly issued, in the exigency of the times, but the issue of a public notice that the law would be enforced against them, immediately put a stop to their circulation.

Sect. 5. And be it further enacted, that the coin provided for in his act shall be a legal tender in payment of debts to the extent f ten cents in any one payment.

Remark: The object of this section is to give a legal importance nd value to the new cent, in addition to the authoritative stamp f the Mint. The present cent is not a legal tender.

In conclusion I may remark, that whilst I at present prefer he proportions of 95 per cent. copper and 5 per cent. of zinc and tin, as xposed in the specimens presented, yet I have purposely avoided aming these metals in the 2nd section, in order that we may if we ink proper use nickel in the composition. As to which point I ill cause some experiments to be made for the purpose of ascertaining whether a further improvement is not attainable; but these inuiries need not prevent immediate action upon the proposition herein presented.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful Servant.
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Banking House of Wright, Andrews & Co.
CORNER WOODWARD AVENUE AND LARNED STREET.

Detroit, Mich. 1 1855.

Copy of Receipt of Adams & Co

Adams & Co Express

No. 281.

Oz 230.11.0.

Melbourne Dec 13th 1854

Received of Joseph Robson One package addressed
U. S. Mint Philadelphia a/c Joseph Robson Union
Corners Michigan Value Eight Hundred & Forty five
Pds 5/ Stg
Insured by Adams & Co for that amount
which we agree to forward to Destination
and deliver to Address
or Order
Freight and Insurance to Phila £50.14.6 Paid him

For Adams & Co
T. K. Morton

Banking House of Wright, Andrews & Co.
CORNER WOODWARD AVENUE AND LARNED STREET.

Detroit, Mich. April 14th 1855.

Treasurer of U. S. Mint

Enclosed please find Copy
of Certificate of Adams & Co Express Comp
given to Joseph Robson Union Corners Michigan
he has not returned as he expected and
he wants his Friends to get the money
he states that the Certificate was not drawn
as he requested as he supposed his friends
could get it. Will you be so kind as to
give us instruction how they can get it and
the amt of the Gold after it was assayed you
would do ~~th~~ us a favor if you would
send us the Certificate or a Copy of the
same. Mr Joseph Robson is still in California

Truly Yours
Wright Andrews & Co
By S H Ives
Cash

U. S. Assay Office, Treasurer's Department

United States Assay Office
New York, Dec 13 1854

Dear Sir,

The Treasurer of this office rec^d today drafts on the U.S. Asst. Treas^r of this City for One million of dollars which enables him to pay the deposits due today steamer but after transfering the million he will still require $500.000 more from the Mint to pay the deposits rec^d from the last steamer which exceed One million & a half — You have rec^d from this office in unparted bars $1.780.000 for which we are entitled to coin — You stated when I was last at Phil^a that you would commence coining in a few days — I hope you have already — and that you will send tomorrow a large portion of the coin due for the bars — certainly not less than $500.000 — Do you require a draft from the Treasy Depart^t to authorize the transfer of coin in payment of unparted bars which are deposited at the Mint by this office? — if so I hope you will not wait for it in this instance — In accordance with the regulations prescribed for this office I have employed a "Foreman of Deposits" B. S. Osborn he entered on his duties on the 11th inst at a compensation of $\$3\frac{50}{100}$ per day, this however is subject to ~~the~~ approval of the Secr.y of the Treasy which I must ask you to obtain. I consider the post one of much responsibility & importance and have selected a very competent and reliable person. I will tomorrow send you the estimates for the various alterations suggested in this Office.

With great respect
Your friend
Sam. F. Butterworth
Supt.

Hon.
Jas. Ross Snowden
Director &c.

P. S.

I have today requested the Secr.y Treasy to send me a transfer draft on the Mint for bullion deposited by this office; as soon as rec.d I will forward it; in the meantime I must beg of you to send forward $500.000 to enable us to meet our depositors in anticipation of the draft.

Yours &c S. F. Butterworth Supt.

U. S. Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New-York, 185

December 13th 1854

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, enclosing ten Transfer drafts for One hundred Thousand dollars each Nos 1420 to 1429. and Two Assay Memorandums of Gold bullion. Nos 3373 & 3381.

Also for the "Adams Express Company", of Three thousand & Eighty four 37/100 dollars in Gold Coins, which I have placed to your Credit.

The One Million dollars in Coins, placed to my Credit, upon the above Transfer drafts, will not be sufficient to pay depositors for the last Steamer: I have therefore to request that you will transmit without delay, in Gold Coins, the amount forwarded on the 8th inst, Seven hundred & Seventy eight Thousand, Six hundred dollars.

Your request in regard to packing & numbering the boxes, shall be attended to.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt.
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq.
Treasr. U S Mint.
Philadelphia.

United States Assay Office
New York, Dec. 13, 1854.

Sir,

The Bullion Fund of this Office now amounts to $2.760.000. Of this sum, however, $200.000 in fine silver for the use of the Refinery, and $630.000 in Fine Gold Bars, is unavailable for the payment of depositors, all of whom now demand coin. This reduces our available means to $1.930.000, which sum, if kept unimpaired, would be sufficient to enable us to make prompt payments.

It happens, however, in the course of business, that our Bullion Fund becomes exhausted. On the arrival of a California Steamer, bullion to the amount of one or two millions of dollars is pressed upon us in one day. As the heaviest deposits are generally the earliest received, they are earliest melted and assayed; so that on the day after the arrival of the Steamer, or at furthest the second day, we are called upon to pay for deposits to nearly the amount of our Bullion Fund. The bullion deposited for coinage is transmitted to the Mint as soon as melted and assayed; but as it must be again assayed there before its Mint value can be determined, it happens that a delay of several days [it has hitherto exceeded a week] will occur before the Mint can make returns to us in coin. Meanwhile another Steamer arrives, and new demands are made upon our Bullion Fund before it is in a condition to meet them.

At this moment our available Bullion Fund, according to the statement given above, is apparently $1.930.000. But of this amount nearly $1.500.000 has already been paid out for bullion either transmitted to the Mint or ready to be sent forward to-day.

This leaves but about $430.000, while our immediate liabilities for deposits actually received is more than $800.000. We need therefore at least $500.000 to place us in a safe condition.

As the transfer of bullion from this Office to the Mint, and of coins in return, is effected by transfer drafts, we cannot look for any relief from the Mint until such drafts shall have been issued, and I am not informed what evidence is required by the Department of the necessity of such transfer. I have made this statement for the purpose of showing the embarrassment into which we are liable to be thrown, and the necessity of guarding against it in future I would therefore respectfully suggest that I be authorized to notify the Department whenever bullion is to be transmitted to the Mint, specifying the amount, and that thereupon transfer drafts be drawn upon the Treasurer of this Office in favor of the Mint, and also for corresponding amounts upon the Mint in favor of this Office, payable in coin on presentation.

To meet my present emergency, I have requested the Director of the Mint to send us $500.000 in coin in anticipation of a transfer draft for that amount; and I respectfully request that such a draft may be issued.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.
Sam. F. Butterworth
Supt.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of Treasury.

United States Assay Office
New York, Dec. 13, 1854.

Sir,

In a letter this day addressed to you, explaining the necessity of keeping our Bullion Fund unimpaired, I had the honor to request that a transfer draft for $500.000 be drawn upon the Mint in favor of the Treasurer of this Office, for the purpose of meeting our present necessities.

I have now the honor to state that we have forwarded to the Mint unparted bullion amounting to $780.000
We have in hand & shall forward within the next three days 1.500.000
total $2.280.000
for which transfer drafts may be issued upon us in favor of the Mint. Corresponding drafts should also be drawn in our favor upon the Mint for such amount as can be paid at once in coins and for the balance upon the Assistant Treasurer at New York. The drafts for $500.000 asked for in my other letter of this date is embaced in the above amount of $2.280,000.

The reason for making this request in anticipation of a reply to my other letter is that a California Steamer is looked for on Saturday, and we must be prepared to pay depositors on Monday and Tuesday.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.
Sam. F. Butterworth
Supt.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of Treasury

J. H. Butterworth
Supt. N.Y. Assay Office
Dec 13. 1854

a 2nd letter respecting
transfers between Assay Office
& Mint

Treasury Department
Decr. 14. 1854.

Sir

I enclose, herewith, for your perusal a letter received from the Superintendent of the Assay office at N. York.

In compliance with Mr. Butterworth's request a draft has this day been issued for $500.000 on the Treasurer of the Mint in favor of the Treasurer of the Assay Office and which but for the Superintendent having requested the Coin to be transmitted from the Mint in anticipation of the draft, might have been drawn on the Asst. Treasurer at N. York.

The receipt of this $500.000 in addition to the $1.000.000 previously directed to be paid in N. York will be sufficient for the requirements of the Assay office, for the present at least.

I am very Respy.
P. G. Washington Actg
Sec. Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Director of Mint.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

December 12th 1854

Sir

I forwarded by yesterday's mail to your address, ten Treasury Drafts Nos. 1420 to 1429, upon you, in my favor, for One hundred Thousand dollars each, in all One Million dollars; which you will please return by mail, if you have not already done so, as advised this morning by telegraph.

They will be paid by the Assistant Treasurer here.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt.
John J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia

Dec 12th 4

Sir,

Mr. Geo. K. Childs entered upon his duties as Chief Coiner of the Mint to-day. The rolling and cutting operations have been resumed, and the other processes of Coinage will be pushed forward with activity and despatch.

On tomorrow I will reply to your favor of yesterday and send an additional number of specimen cents as requested.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Examiner should advise branch interest on demand or time loans should be collected at least every six months; and that mere payment of interest is not considered a renewal of the formal extension agreement is signed by all parties or the laws of the State provide otherwise. A new note, if practicable, at each maturity date is preferable.

* Include in "bad debts" only those bonds which have reached actual maturity dates, and otherwise come within the definition of a statutory bad debt.

SLOW AND DOUBTFUL PAPER AND LOSSES ON LOANS

List here all paper, including overdue paper, called for by this schedule. State briefly in each case the reason for the classification, and such furt
ment as may be deemed appropriate. Give maturity dates of "bad debts" and other overdue paper subject to classification.

Maker, indorser, and security	Overdue			Slow	Doubtful	L
Amount	Due date	Class "A"	Class "B"			
TOTAL,						

Use Form 1425-R for continuation of list.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Dec. 11th 1854

Dear Sir,

George K. Childs Esqr was, in the 1st inst, appointed by the President of the United States Chief Coiner of the Mint in place of Franklin Peale Esqr removed. Mr. Childs has subsequently, given bonds which have been approved and has taken his oath of Office before the Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Very Respectfully

James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. Danl. Sturgeon
Treasurer
U.S. Mint.

Mint of the United States
Philada. 11 Dec. 1854.

Sir,

In consequence of the low rate of foreign exchange, it is probable that a considerable part of the bullion received at the Assay Office New York will sometimes be demanded in coin, instead of fine bars, and I therefore draw your attention to the necessity of providing regulations for the transfer of bullion and coin between the Mint and the Assay Office, as authorised under the 11th section of the Assay Office Act. On a former occasion, in connection with the General Instructions for that office submitted to the Department, I suggested a Plan for the object contemplated, but this did not meet ~~the~~ your approval; and, up to this time, the transfers of bullion & coin have taken place on the issue of Transfer Drafts from the Treasy. This plan is in practise very inconvenient. You can understand that in order to provide coin promptly from the crude bullion it is highly important that the process of manufacture shall begin with the least possible delay, and to this end the assay office should be empowered, to forward to us bullion deposited for coin as soon as its value has been determined by assay. But under the present arrangement, before it can be sent to us the Department must be asked for transfer drafts. Considering the delay from the necessity of correspondence through the mails, and carrying the drafts through the official forms requisite at the Department, then transmitting the same to the Treasr. of the

Mint

Mint at Philadelphia, for his endorsement, and subsequent remittance to the Assay Office, much time is lost before the bullion reaches the Mint. Similar delays must also be incurred before the coin can be received at the Assay Office on transfer from the Mint. I need not say that these delays must involve the necessity of an increased and very heavy bullion fund at the Assay Office. The deposits must be paid for as they are received and calculated. If, from the circumstances alluded to, the manufacture of these deposits into coin to replenish the Assay Office Treasury should be greatly delayed, an extra provision of coin will be necessary to enable the office to continue prompt payments.

To obviate all such delays and inconveniences, I recommend that transfers and exchanges of bullion and coin between the Mint and assay office shall hereafter be made without Treasury Drafts, and in conformity with the Regulations which are herewith enclosed, and submitted to your judgment. Exchanges such as will be necessary under such an arrangement are, I am aware, an innovation on the ordinary practice of the Department relative to transfers from one account to another; but the law seems to contemplate an exceptional provision to meet the object in view, and gives to the Department abundant authority to establish the most convenient regulations for that purpose.

You will observe that, for the present, the

Adams Express Company are authorised to transport bullion and coin in transit between the two institutions. Mr Sanford, one of principal proprietors, assures me that each proprietor is liable as a common carrier, without limitation, just as in an ordinary partnership; but I have, as additional security, prepared a bond to the United States conditioned for the faithful performance of transportation by the Company. This I expect to be able soon to forward to you.

It is proper to say that the system of transfer and accounting which I herein recommend does not leave in any uncertainty the condition of the Bullion Balances, or amounts subject to draft, at the Mint and Assay Office respectively; or at least not more so than it would be under a system of transfer drafts. Under the latter, transfers ordered & issued are charged as if they had actually taken place although in point of fact the bullion, being not ready for transportation, might be still in the institution which had been drawn upon; a circumstance which has occurred several times of late. Under the system I propose the return of coin will promptly cancel any temporary indebtedness for bullion, and it will be my aim to leave none or but an insignificant unadjusted balance between the two institutions.

I have the honor to be
with great respect, your obt. servt.
Jams Ross Snowden.
Director

Hon James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasy
Washington.

Regulations respecting the transfer of bullion and coins between the Assay Office, at New York, and the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia

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By the 11th section of the act establishing the Assay office it is thus provided: "all gold or silver bullion and foreign coin, intended by the depositor to be converted into the coins of the United States, shall as soon as assayed, and its net value certified as above provided, be transferred to the Mint of the United States, under such directions as shall be made by the Secretary of the Treasury, and at the expense of the contingent fund of the Mint, and shall there be coined. And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorised, with the approval of the President of the United States to make the necessary regulations for the adjustment of the accounts between the respective officers, upon the transfer of any bullion or coin between the Assay office, the Mint, and Assistant Treasurer New York."

To carry out these provisions of law the following regulations are established.

From time to time, as bullion transferable under the act shall accumulate at the Assay Office, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Assay office, to forward the same in convenient amounts, and carefully secured, to the Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia. A careful record shall be made of the assay numbers, weights, finenesses, and standard, as determined at the Assay Office of all the bullion thus sent forward, and a statement containing these particulars shall be sent, by mail to the Treasurer of the Mint. The bullion shall be delivered, for transmission to an Express Company or Agent who shall be approved by the Treasury Department. A receipt shall be taken from the transporter for the gross weight and estimated value of the bullion, and undertaking to deliver the same promptly and safely to the Treasurer of the Mint. A duplicate of this receipt shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Mint by mail.

As the bullion is received at the Mint, it shall be weighed, and entered as an ordinary deposit, the receipt being issued (for convenience of collection) in the name of the Treasurer, for account of the Assay Office. It shall then be assayed, and the value thereof ascertained. The amount shall be collected by the Treasurer on the usual warrant of the Director. The Treasurer of the Assay Office shall thereupon be credited with the net value thus received, and Gold (or, if the deposit be silver bullion, Silver) Coinage charged therewith.

As coins accumulate with the Treasurer of the Mint in return for these deposits, it shall be his duty to forward the same in convenient amounts, and at convenient times to the Treasurer of the Assay Office. These shall be delivered to the Transporter approved by the Department, and a receipt taken therefor, a duplicate whereof, and also a statement in detail of the coins sent over, shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Assay Office, by mail. With the amounts thus sent, the Treasurer of the Assay Office shall be charged, and Gold Coinage (or Silver Coinage as the case may be) credited.

At the Assay Office an account should be opened

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regulations, accompanied by duplicate warrants
received & paid.

with the Treasurer of the Mint, who should be charged Gold or Silver Bullion, Silver Profit & Loss being credited with the gross value of the bullion, forwarded as determined at the Mint. He should be credited by Gold (or Silver) Coinage for coins returned by him, by Profit & Loss for deductions other than the ½ per cent, and by Bullion Deposit Profit & Loss for the latter deduction

Under the 12th section of the Assay Office Act, and instructions heretofore issued by the Director of the Mint and based thereon, it will be the duty of the Superintendent of the Assay Office to forward to the Mint, for examination and test, specimens selected from the fine bars manufactured at the Assay Office. The same mode of transmitting and accounting for such bullion shall be pursued as is directed above for deposit bullion intended for coinage.

It may be expected that some slight differences will be found between the results of the weight & assay of bull- — — determined at the Mint & Assay Office respectively. To obviate any inconveniences which may arise in settling differences of this kind, either between the institutions, or between the Treasurer & Melter & Refiner in the Assay Office, it will be proper and just that the estimate at the Philadelphia Mint shall be considered as the true value & standard weight of the bullion, and that the debits & credits at the Assay Office shall be regulated accordingly.

Until otherwise ordered by the Secretary of the Treasury the [illegible] employed by the Treasurer of the Mint and by the Treasurer of the Assay Office as the Agent for transporting bullion and coin in conformity with these regulations.

statement to the Department showing the [illegible]
rec'd from & disbursed to the Assay Office under these regulations, accompanied by duplicate warrants showing the received & paid.

Post script. — (Attached Dec: 23rd under suggestion of Assay: in his letter recd then + with the addition — Copy of Regs: sent to N.Y.)

whenever coin shall be received by the Treasr of the Assay Office from the Treasr of the Mint, the transaction shall be covered by a special warrant from the Superintendent of the Assay Office in the following form, viz.

No —

To the Treasurer of the Assay Office

Charge Gold (or Silver) Coinage, and credit the Treasurer of the Mint with ——— dollars, received from him in return for bullion transmitted to the Mint for coinage. And for so doing this shall be your warrant.

Dated at the Assay Office, New York this — day of — A.D. 18

S. F. Butterworth

Superintendt

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On the back of the warrant shall be the Treasurers Signature to the following endorsement, viz.

Received of the Treasr of the Mint the value of the within warrant, which I have charged and credited as therein directed.

J. J. Cisco.

Treasr

Duplicates of such warrants & receipts shall be forwarded to the Treasr of the Mint at Philada; and it shall be the duty of the latter to present a weekly statement to the Department showing the amounts received from & delivered to the Assay Office under these regulations, accompanied by duplicate warrants showing the [illegible] received & paid.

October 19th

Sir,

Since writing to you yesterday respecting the transfer of bullion and coin between the Mint and the Assay Office, I have received a letter from the Superintendent of the Assay office, who suggests that the transfers in question could be best effected on the score of safety, convenience and expense by the employment of some person by the Department at a reasonable salary.

The Superintendent is however not aware of the laws of New Jersey which allows the railroad Companies, if they think proper, to charge what is equivalent to 36 cents per thousand dollars for the transit between the two Cities, and I believe this charge would be made if an individual is employed by the Government. The change proposed would therefore be more expensive than our present mode, and we would certainly gain nothing in respects either safety or convenience.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Ob^t. servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. P. G. Washington
Acting Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

U. S. Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New-York, December 11th 1854

Sir

I herewith transmit ten Treasury Transfer Drafts, Nos. 1420 to 1429, dated the 7th inst, for One hundred thousand dollars each, amounting in all to One Million Dollars, payable in Gold Coins; which I trust you have already forwarded, in accordance with my Telegraphic message to you this morning, so that I may be enabled to satisfy depositors by the Steamer of Saturday last, without delay.

I shall probably forward tomorrow, in the usual manner, Gold bullion in unparted bars, sufficient, in addition to that transmitted on the 8th inst, to make up the amount of One Million dollars; for which a Transfer draft upon you, has been asked, from the Secretary of the Treasury, by the Superintendent of this Office, in my favor.

I shall be pleased to receive from you, Assay memorandums, of bullion forwarded on the 4th 6th 7th & 8th insts.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

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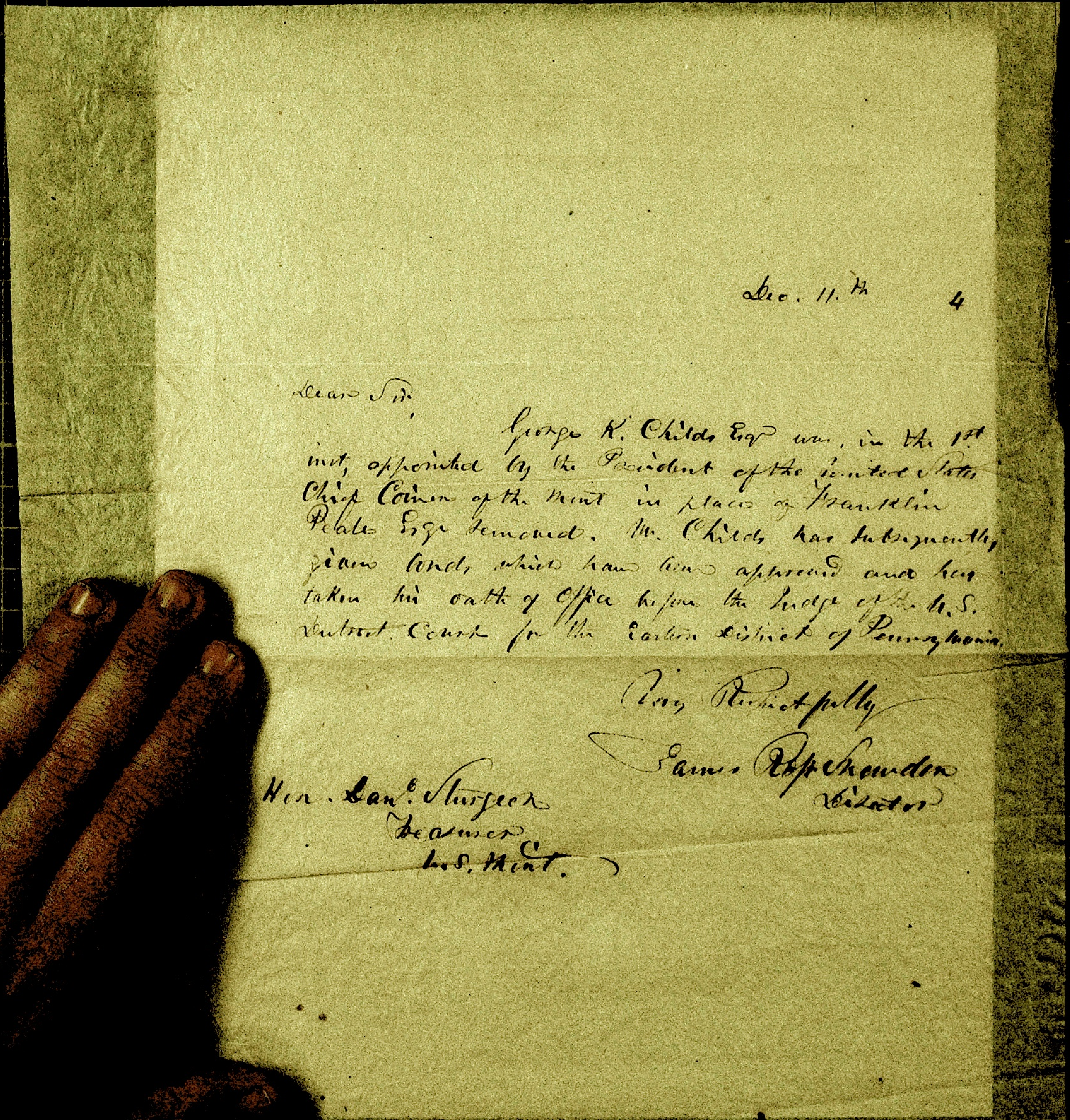

Dec. 11th 4

Dear Sir,

George K. Childs Esqr was, on the 1st inst, appointed by the President of the United States Chief Coiner of the Mint in place of Franklin Peale Esqr removed. Mr Childs has subsequently given bonds, which have been approved and has taken his oath of office before the Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Very Respectfully

James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. Danl. Sturgeon
Treasurer
U.S. Mint.

(Copy)

Mint of the United States. Philada Dec. 11th 1854.

Dear Sir,

On a return from the Coiner of the working dies, which have been in use or delivered for the year 1854 to the 9th inst, for the purpose of comparing with the register of deliveries from my Office, the following appears to be the results

There were delivered from the Engraver's Office to that of the Coiner during the current year from the 1st of January to the 9th of December inclusive: the following working dies.

		Heads	Reverses
For the Gold Coinage –	Double Eagle	7	7
	Eagle	4	2
	Half Eagle	3	3
	Quarter Eagle	11	12
	Three Dollar	2	2
	Gold Dollar	36	34
Silver Coinage,	Dollar	2	1
	Half Dollar	24	29
	Quarter Dollar	75	94
	Dime	25	21
	Half Dime	41	41
	Three Cent	6	7
Copper Coinage	Cent	27	27
	Half Cent	1	1
		264	281

Total 545

Out of this number there are reserved for use in the Coining Department at this date, 43 pair of working dies – in all 86 dies. –

Phil.a Dec 11, 1854.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington

As ~~we~~ we have suspended Coinage operations in order to adjust the acct's of the late chief Coiner. ~~the Coin~~ amt of coin on hand is inadequate to pay the million to the Assay office. I request that you cause this amt to be paid from the Assistant Treasurer at New York for the present.

J. R. S.
Director

Copy of T/G. sent at 11 o'clock A.M.

States,

Dec 11. 1854
o'clock P.M

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proposed to be transferred from it & meet any such other drafts
as may be made upon the Mint.

The regulations submitted in another communication
to day. will, if adopted facilitate the transfers of bullion

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Dec 11. 1854
8½ o'clock P.M

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In consequence of the temporary suspension ~~of~~ in the Coinage Dept. rend^{d}. necessary in order to settle the acc^{ts} of the late chief Coiner the considerable amt of gold bullion recently received for coinage has not been operated upon. This, together with the fact of recent payments and transfers, and silver purchased with gold coins has diminished the amt. of gold coin in the Treasury of the Mint to the sum of about $400,000. I was therefore induced to send a despatch to you to-day asking that the drafts for one million of dollars on the Mint in favor of the Assay Office might be authorized to be paid from the office of the Asst Treas. U.S. at New York. As the deposits I learn will be payable there tomorrow this arrangement will ensure the payment more promptly than if we had the coin on hand to send over. The drafts in question have not yet been presented here.

On tomorrow I expect we will resume the Coinage operations, and now as rapidly as possible strike a sufficient amt. of coin to replenish the Asst Treas. at N. York ~~the~~ amt proposed to be transferred from it & meet ~~any~~ such other drafts as may be made upon the Mint.

The regulations submitted in another communication to day, will, if adopted, facilitate the transfer of bullion and Com between the Mint and the Assay office and I hope they will receive your favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
your faithful servant

James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon James Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury
Washington City

Treasury Department
December 11. 1854

Sir

I am in the receipt of your letter of the 9th. instant with the specimens of the bronze Cent. Be pleased to send about 100 specimens to report the Composition Cost Actual Value — for the use of the Committee of Finance.

I am very Resp'y
P. G. Washington
Acting
Sec. Treasury.

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Director of Mint
Philad'a.

P. S. Tel. received Afts ordered to be paid by As. Treasurer N. York

From. P.G. Washington Esq
for the Secretary
of the Treasury

Acknowledges the
receipt of my letter
of 7th. inst enclosing
Specimens of the
Bronze cent, Requests
100. Specimens &
a Report of Comparative
cost & Actual
Value for use
of Committee of
Finance

Dec 12, 1854

also Ack receipt of T/Lo
& States that drafts have
been order to be paid
by Asst. Treas N.Y.

Syracuse Dec. 10th 1854

Supt. of U. S. Mint

Please send me 2. ounces of the best iridium by Expreſs. also bill for Collection

& Oblige Yours Resply

E. S. Walrath
Syracuse N.Y.

December 13, 4.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst. I have to state that we have no Iridium on hand at present.

I am Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Mr E. L. Walrath,
Syracuse,
New York.

P.S. The Iridium we had on hand some time since has all been disposed off

December 13, 4.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst. I have to state that we have no "iridium" on hand at present.

I am very Respectfully,
James Roſs Snowden
Director.

Mr E. L. Walrath,
Syracuse,
New York,

P.S. The iridium we had on hand some time since has all been disposed off

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

December 9th 1854

Sir

I have this day forwarded by the "Adams Expreſs Company" an unparted bar of gold bullion, No. 470. weighing 155.19 ozs which ſhould have been included in the amount Transmitted yesterday.

I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of the ſame.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt.
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

December 9th 1854

Sir

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of yesterday, containing Five Treasury Transfer Drafts, dated the 5th inst. numbered 1411 to 1415, each for One hundred Thousand dollars.

Also by the "Adams Express Co" of Two hundred & twenty Thousand, three hundred dollars, in Gold Coins.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt

John J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia

Statement of business at the U. S. Assay Office New York, for the week ending December 9, 1854.

	Dolls.	cts.	Dolls.	cts.
Deposits of Gold:				
Foreign Bullion	130	00		
U. S. Bullion	1,666,000	00		
			1,666,130	00
Deposits of Silver:				
U. S. Bullion (parted from California Gold)			11,830	00
Total Deposits payable in coin			1,677,930	00
Fine Gold Bars issued (No. 683 to 772)			409,979	97

U. S. Assay Office,
New York,
Dec. 9, 1854.

United States Assay Office.

New York, Dec. 15, 1854.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a monthly report of the business of this Office for the month ending Nov. 30, and also a weekly statement for the week ending Nov. 9, 1854.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. servt,
Sam. F. Butterworth
Supt.

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint,
Philada.

To, Hon James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington

Enclosing letters
from Supt of Assay
office & Asst. Assayer
& ~~also~~ Asst. M & R
of that office respecting the Salaries
with some observations
thereon

Dec. 9. 1854

JJ

Dec. 9th

Sir,

I transmit for your consideration a copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Aſsay Office, enclosing a communication from the Aſsistant Aſsayer, and Aſsistant Melter & Refiner of that office respecting their salaries.

The requests of these gentlemen seems reasonable and proper, but I may remark that neither Aſsistants nor Clerks are technically Mint officers — See Sect 6 genl. Mint law, and 12 Sect of Aſsay office law. But if they were, it is inaccurate for the Aſsistants to say that they "are superceded in their official position by the increase of salary which has been given to those officers who originally under-ranked them." Besides, this disparity of salary exists among the officers of the Mint and its branches, and at the principal Mint some of the Clerks receive a larger compensation — by a recent law and the favor of the Department — than the Aſsistants.

It is proper that I should add that a re-adjustment of salaries in respect to the Mint, its branches and the Aſsay office seems desirable.

I have every reason to believe that you

are desirous of arranging the Salaries in question in a satisfactory manner, and that the subject will continue to claim your favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Treasury department
First Auditors Office
December 8th 1854

Hon Dan'l Sturgeon
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I return herewith pay Rolls Nos 269. 270, 271, 298 & 299 in order that the number of days each person was employed and the per diem compensation allowed may be entered on the Rolls —

No 269 is also returned that the receipt by (X) of Wm Brown may be attested —

The bill of Andrew Mason asst: Assayer of the N York Assay Office under warrant No 260 for Travelling Expenses incurred on business of the Mint and Assay Office would seem to require some special authority from the department or such Explanations should be furnished approved by the director shewing the necessity of the Expenditure — I have therefore returned the bill for that purpose —

I take this occasion to invite your attention to the subject of my letter dated May 29th 1854 in relation to the rendition of all bills for incidental and contingent expenses before or soon after the expiration of the Quarter during which they were incurred &c. —

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. servt.
J. L. Smith

Auditor

United States Assay Office.
New York, Dec 8 1854

Sir

In your letter of the 7th inst you request "a special report from the Melter & Refiner of this office as to the necessity for three additional furnaces with an estimate of their probable cost" In my letter of the 13th inst I informed you that "our melting furnaces are unequal to the public demand, I have directed *two* additional to be put up, which I hope may meet your approval" Before doing this I satisfied myself by a conference with the Officers of the necessity of putting up these additional furnaces to enable us to pay our depositors as speedily as they had heretofore been paid at the Mint. And as you had provided the Office with the furnaces, and the cost of placing them I ascertained would be about $100 I took the responsibility of ordering the work to be done -

Yours Respy
Sam F. Butterworth
Supt

Hond
Jas Ross Snowden
Director &c

Will send estimates of proposed alterations tomorrow if possible.

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U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

December 8th 1854

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, containing five Treasury Drafts, dated the 5th inst, numbered 1406 @ 1410, each for One hundred Thousand dollars.

Pursuant to instructions, I have this day forwarded by the "Adams Expreſs Company" pr the morning line, Seven boxes gold bullion, contg 25.017.519 Stand Ozs. Valued at Four hundred & fifty five thousand, four hundred & fifty five 96/100 dollars: also in the same manner, pr the evening line, Five boxes of gold bullion, Valued at Three hundred & thirteen thousand, one hundred & ninety seven 92/100 dollars. the receipt of which you will please acknowledge.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
John J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treast U S Mint. Phila

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

Recd of the Treasurer of U.S. Assay Office New York. Five boxes of gold bullion valued at Three hundred & thirteen thousand. One hundred & ninety seven 92/100 th dollars, which we agree to insure against loss and deliver to the Treasurer of the U.S. Mint Philadelphia at Fifty cents per One thousand dollars.

New York December 2d 1854.

Adams & Co.
Pr John K. Stimson
Atty.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

Recd of the Treasurer of U S Assay Office New York. Seven boxes of gold bullion, Valued at Four hundred and Sixty five thousand, four hundred & fifty five 96/100ths dollars, which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the U S Mint Philadelphia at Fifty Cents per One thousand dollars.

New York December 8th 1854.

Adams & Co
per John K. Stimson
Atty

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

December 7th 1854

Sir

Pursuant to instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury, as referred to in my letter of yesterday. I have to day forwarded by the "Adams Express Company" Eight boxes containing gold bullion in Unparted bars, weighing 29.318.806 standard ozs. Net Value Five hundred and forty five thousand, four hundred & five 19/100th dolls. ($.545.405.19) I have also forwarded in the same manner Four boxes. containing 45 Fine gold bars, weighing 10.790.62 ounces. Net Value Two hundred & twenty thousand, three hundred Ninety two 99/100th dollars. for which I will thank you to transmit gold coins, so that I may receive them on the 9th inst. Statements & receipts enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr US Mint. Phila

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

Rec. of Treasurer of U.S. Assay Offi
New York. Four boxes of gold bullion. Valued
t Two hundred & twenty thousand, three hundred
inety two 99/100 ths. dollars. which we agree to
nsure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
f U.S Mint Philadelphia at Fifty cts
per One Thousand dollars.

New York.
December 7th 1854.

John Hoey
for the
Adams Exp. Co

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

Recd of the Treasurer of U.S. Aſsay Office New York. Eight boxes of gold bullion Valued at Five hundred & forty five thousand four hundred & five 19/100 dollars. which we agree to insure against loſs, and deliver to the Treasurer of the U S Mint, Philadelphia at Fifty cts per One thousand dollars

New York

December 7th 1854.

John Hoey
for the
Adams Expreſs Co

To S H Butterworth Esq
Supt Assay Office
New York

Transmission of $425,000 in Coin,
no draft necessary for transmission of coin in payment of unparted Bullion sent to the Mint.

See approval also to the Employment of Mr. Osborne as Foreman of Deposits

Dec 14 1874

December 14. 4.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 10th inst. The Treasurer of the Mint has sent you today $425,000 in coin, which amount was all that could possibly be spared at the present time. Our coining operations are now resumed, and we will hereafter be able to supply you as liberally with coin as your operations may require.

A draft is not necessary in transferring coin in payment of the unparted bars deposited at the Mint by your Office.

I have asked the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury for the employment of Mr Osborne as "Foreman of Deposits" at your Office, at a per diem allowance of $3.00.

I have not yet had the pleasure of receiving a report of your operations for the Month of November.

I am, very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director

Sam. F. Butterworth, Esqr.,
Supt. Assay Office,
N. York.

Dec 7th [illegible] 4.

[illegible]

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of the Treasury to authorize another metre to be attached to the pipes in the Melter & Refiners Department of your institution for the purpose of affording a sufficient supply of water therein. This authority was communicated to you verbally this morning, but it is deemed proper to make it the subject of an official letter.

I am, Very Respectfully
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Sam. F. V. Butterworth Esq
Supt Assay Office,
New York.

P.S. I will thank you to cause the Estimates asked for in the Secretary's letter of the 6th inst. a copy of which I handed you this morning to be prepared & transmitted to me at your earliest convenience. also a report from the Melter & Refiner as to the necessity for three additional Furnaces &c

U. S. Assay Office,
New York, Dec. 7. 1854.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Cisco applied for a copy of the Mint Laws, & having but one in the Office, I could not supply him. Will you be kind enough to send us over a dozen copies by Adams & Co's Express if you have them to spare?

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt.,
Geo. F. Dunning

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Pamphlets sent by
Adams Co. Express }

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Dec. 6, 1854.

Dear Sir,

Since I last wrote ~~you Mr. Wheeler the~~

Dec. 6th 4

Sir,

As a convenient mode of advising you of the decision of the Department subject to the transfer of bullion deposited for coinage at your office, I send herewith a copy of a letter received this morning from the Secretary of the Treasury.

The drafts will be presented, after their receipt, with as little delay as possible. But you may anticipate their presentation by sending over the bullion in convenient quantities per Adams & Company's Express. Hereafter, acting under the decision of the Department, the bullion deposited for coinage will be sent to the Mint as soon as it is assayed and its net value ascertained.

I am, very Respectfully,
your obt servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

[illegible] Esq
Supt Assay office
New York.

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" BALTIMORE...........Sun Iron Building, Corner of Baltimore and South Streets.
" WASHINGTON.........National Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, corner of Sixth Street.

BY TELEGRAPH

Dated N York Dec 6 1854

Rec'd, *Philadelphia,* Dec 6 1854, 12 o'clock, 14 min. P M.

To Hon Jas Ross Snowden
Director of Mint

I will be at La Pierre House at eight this evening

S. F. Butterworth

10/25
BV

[redacted]

Philada. Dec. 6, 1854

Saml. F. Butterworth Esq
Supt Assay office
New York.

Will ~~send you~~
~~the decision of the Secretary to-~~day.

The Secretary decides that ~~imparted~~ bullion deposited for Coinage shall be sent unparted. ~~Will~~ write you to-day

J. R. S.

Sent Dec 6. 1854
1/4 past 1 o'clock A. M.

From
The Hon James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Requesting Separate Estimates to be made of the alterations & additions proposed ~~made~~ at the Assay Office N. Y. and also, a special Report to be made by the Melter & Refiner as to the necessity for three additional furnaces in his Dept.

Dec 7. 1854

Director's Reply
Enclosed

Treasury Department,
December 6th 1854.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 29th ult, I have to request that you cause separate estimates to be made of each of the different alterations and additions proposed in the Aſsay Office at New York, and transmit the same to this office for examination. You will also please cause a special Report to be made by the Melter & Refiner as to the neceſsity for three additional furnaces with an estimate of their probable cost.

Very respectfully,
Your obdt. servt.
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury.

Jas. R. Snowden Esqr.,
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 7.

Sir,

I have received your letter of t
6th inst. respecting separate estimates of e
of the different alterations proposed in t
Assay Office at New York, and also a spe
Report from the Melter & Refiner as to the neces
for three additional furnaces in his departm
with an estimate of their probable cost. The
Superintendent has been instructed to pres
the above estimates and Report at his
earliest convenience, which when recei
will be transmitted for your examinat

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your faithful Ser
James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Treasury Department
Decr. 5. 1854.

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 22nd ult. and those enclosed from the Superintendent and the Melter & Refiner of the Aſsay office at N. York, I will thank you to authorise another metre to be attached to the pipes as suggested in Mr. Kents letter in order that his Department may have a sufficient supply of Water.

I am very Resp.
James Guthrie
Sec Treasury.

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philada.

December 6. 4.

Gentlemen:

With a view to a re-examination of the tariff of losses in melting deposits, I have to request that you will make such experiments as you may deem necessary to enable us to ascertain with some degree of certainty what may be regarded as an unavoidable loss in careful melting.

In considering this subject it would be well to ascertain how much of the loss, if any, is due to improvement; or refining out of the copper; and what course it is proper to pursue in perplexing emergencies, such as of too great loss, or accidental carrying over from one deposit to another.

Very Respectfully
James Ross Snowden
Director

J. C. Booth Esq. Melter & Refiner
& J. R. Eckfeldt Esq. Assayers
U. S. Mint

Decr. 6th 4

Dear Sir,

For the purpose of a careful ascertainment of the unavoidable loss in melting I have requested Messrs Eckfeldt & Booth, to make such experiments as they may deem necessary. A copy of my note to these gentlemen is herewith enclosed. As this examination is a matter of great importance to your department, and the operations of the Mint generally, I feel confident you will give these officers such aid as may be necessary in making the experiments in question.

Yours very Respy
James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. Danl. Sturgeon
Treas. U. S. Mint.

December 6,   4.

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Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

J. R. Eckfeldt, Esq., Assayer,
& J. C. Booth, Esq. Melter & Refiner
U. S. Mint.

U. S. Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New-York, ... 185

December 6 1854

Sir

I have this day recd from you Two hundred and ninety eight thousand, eight hundred dollars, in Gold Coins ($298.800.) as stated in your letter of yesterday.

Pursuant to instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury, I have this day forwarded by the "Adams Express Company", Seven boxes of gold bullion, as per receipt and my statement enclosed, amounting in Net Value to Four hundred & fifty four thousand, Nine hundred & fourteen 21/100 dollars, the receipt of which you will please acknowledge.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Sert
John J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq.
Treasr U S Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

Received of Treasurer of the U.S. Aſsay Office New York. Seven boxes of Gold bullion. Valued at Four hundred and fifty four thousand, nine hundred and fourteen 21/100 Dollars ($454.914.21) which we agree to insure against loſs, and deliver to the Treasurer of the U.S. Mint Phila at Fifty cts per One thousand dollars.

New York Dec 6th 1854.

Wm Hoey
for the
Adams Expreſs Co

Mint of the United States
Philada. Dec. 5, 1853.

Dear Sir

I have your favor of to-day. I will be absent from town a few days from tomorrow, but on my return I will cheerfully give the information you desire. I hope the delay will put you to no inconvenience.

I am, very truly
and Respectfully
Yours
James Ross Snowden
Director.

F. W. Grayson Esqr.
Secretary of the Board of Trade
Philada.

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
December 6th 1854

Hon Dan'l Sturgeon
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

The account of Maher & Landis for acid paid on Directors warrant No 220 should be accompanied by the several bills referred to in the account of dates June 8th 15th 22d & 30th and the price per lb: should also be stated

Very Respectfully
Your obt: svt:
T. L. Smith
Auditor

P.S. The account is returned, that if necessary another may be substituted agreeably to the above suggestion

Treasury Department
December 5. 1854

Sir

I have fully considered the subject matter, contained in your letter of the 29th ultimo, together with the statements and explanations of the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, and am of opinion that the bullion deposited in the assay office for coinage, should be sent to the Mint as soon as it is assayed, and its value ascertained. In respect to all such bullion, the processes of parting, refining &c., will be done in the Mint. You will advise the Superintendent of this order.

The transfer drafts you ask will be issued in the form proposed.

I am, Very Respectfully,
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

J. Ross Snowden, Esq
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

From
Hon James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

6th. Dec

Communicating his decision on the Subject of the transmission of Bullion intended for coinage to the Mint. — Bullion to be sent as soon as its value is ascertained by assay, also states that drafts will be transmitted as proposed by me

6th. Dec, 1854

Dec. 5, 4.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 2nd inst. informing me of the appointment of George K. Childs, Esq. Chief Coiner of the Mint, and enclosing a letter to Mr. Peale stating the fact of this appointment. As that gentleman had received a similar letter from the Department, I found it unnecessary to deliver it to him. I have directed the operations of the Coining department to be suspended except so far as may be necessary to close the accounts between the Treasurer & Chief Coiner. As this transaction involves a final settlement of that account and immediate surrender of all the coin, ingots, clippings and other bullion in his hands, including what is denominated "Sweeps", it will be some days before the new officer can enter upon his duties.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Treasury of the United States,

Dec 4, 1854.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive ______________ Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt, and return it to this office by the first mail; and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. CASEY,

Treasurer of the United States.

Henry Troemner Esq.

N. B.—*The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft or in the endorsement that assigns it to him, taking care to* AFFIX *his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a* MARK *should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of president and cashier of a bank or other institution.*

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

December 4th 1854

Sir

As pr receipt & my statement enclosed, I have this day forwarded pr the "Adams Express Company", Five boxes containing Sixty bars of gold bullion, weighing 14.134.92 Std Oz. Net Value Two hundred & Ninety eight Thousand eight hundred & seventy five 73/100 ths dollars.

Payments for deposits pr the present steamer, are demanded in Coins; and the amount needed for that purpose, in addition to the balance now in my hands, will be about $300.000. I will thank you therefore, upon receipt of the above bullion, to transmit to me the net value thereof in gold Coins, so that I may receive them on the 6th inst.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U S Mint Phila

Recd of the Treasurer of the U.S. Aſsay Office New York, Five boxes of gold bullion, Valued at Three hundred thousand, three hundred & twenty seven 62/100 dollars, which we agree to insure against loſs, and deliver to the Treasurer of the U.S. Mint, Philadelphia @ Fifty cts per One thousand dollars.

New York.
December 4th 1854.

John D Holly
for
Adams Expreſs Co

United States Assay Office.

New York, Dec 4 1854

Dear Sir,

The treasurer of this office has today sent to the Mint $300.000 in fine bars for which we want coin to pay our depositors, it is very important that the coin be sent on immediately so that we may pay it out on wednesday & I hope you will receive them at their stamp^d value without subjecting us to any delay. Have you rec^d any reply to my communication addressed to the Sec^y Treasy? we are all idle in the Refinery, shall I dismiss the men or retain them in idleness until after the expiration of the 3 month instruction? -

With great respect
Your friend
Sam F. Butterworth
Supt

Hon^d Jas. Ross Snowden
Director &c

Dec 5 4

Dear Sir,

In reply to your favor of yesterday I have to state that the fine bars were rec.d and I have requested that the value, or an approximation value, should be sent to your treasurer to day so that you will receive them in time tomorrow to meet the demands upon you.

I have not heard from the Department in reply to your communications & mine on the same subject. I suppose they have been so busy with their reports that they have not had time to give them a proper & full consideration. As to the diminution of your force in the Refining dept. consequent upon a reduction of business I have to state that it will often happen and is usual that the operations of that department will be full at one time and diminished at another, according as the demand of depositors for payment may be, but it is unavoidable to diminish hands on that account. A sufficient number must always be retained to do the work which may probably be required.

I hope to hear from the department soon on the subject of your communications, when I will write you more fully.

Very Respectfully
and truly yours
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Saml. F. Butterworth Esq.
Supt. Assay Office
New York.

Adams Express Office
Indianapolis Dec 4 1854

Friend Hunter

I send you to exchange for American quarters

17	Dollars	17
42	Five francs c 95	39.90
		$56.90

I am aware that I should send $100 but I am out of change & therefore send what I have. It is for the use of the office therefore return it free

Yours

C Woodward Agt

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, 185

Bond of Geo. Elkins as Treas $10.000

Sureties

Osmon Reed
Jno Cadwalader

December 4. 4.

Sir,

I enclose the Official Bond of George K. Childs, Esq. Chief Coiner of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, and which I have certified to be to my satisfaction.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Treasury Department,
Comptroller Office,
Decr. 3 1854

Daniel Sturgeon Esqr
Treasurer of the U S
Mint - Phila -

Sir

Your account of Gold and Silver Bullion for the Month of June 1853. has been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance of \$ 9.428.516.48 found to be due from you to the United States, which Consist as follows viz:

Gold Bullion	Oz. 216.333.313.	\$ 4.030.387.10
Silver Bullion	Oz 3.282.892.450.	\$ 3.820.092.72
Gold Coinage (including Assay Coins	\$ 11.571.	\$ 1.487.270.53
Silver Coinage do do	$157\frac{75}{100}$	\$ 90.766.13
		\$ 9.428.516.48

Most Respectfully,
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller

Treasury of the U States
December 2. 1854

Daniel Sturgeon. Esq
Treasurer of the U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia
Sir

For the purpose of preventing possible misapprehension or difference in account hereafter I deem it proper to remark on a part of your note of yesterday. that Transfer drafts are for Specific sums of Money in the Treasury and must be entered, without variation, in the accounts of the parties between whom the transfers are made.

Should a draft, as in the case presented by you, be intended to cover a transfer of bullion. the actual value of which has not been ascertained. the amt of the draft must be, nevertheless, charged by one and credited by the other, and any deficiency or excess in the ascertained value of the bullion must be made good by the payer or merged in the profit & loss account, of the Assay Office or the Mint - or both, according to circumstances,

Very respectfully

Saml Casey
Tr. U States

U. S. Assay Office,
New York, Dec 2nd 1854.

Sir

I send herewith a statement of the Business of this Office for the week ending this day.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Sam F. Butterworth
Supt

Hon. Jas Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philada

Treasury Department
December 2d 1854

Sir,

I am instructed by the President to inform you that he has appointed George K. Childs Esq. Chief Coiner of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, and that your services in that capacity are no longer required -

Very respectfully,
Yr. Obt. Servt.
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

Franklin Peale Esq
Philadelphia,
Pa.

Treasury Department
December 2nd 1854

Sir,

The President has this day appointed George K. Child, Esq. Chief Coiner of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, vice Franklin Peale, removed — I have notified Mr. Peale of this appointment and his removal and herewith inclose to you a duplicate of the letter, in order that you may give him notice of the change, in case the notice addressed by the Department should fail to reach him —

Very respectfully
Yr. Obt. Servt.
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

James R. Snowden Esq
Director of the United States Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

From.

Hon James Guthrie

Sec. of the Treasury

Washington City

Informing me of the
appointment of George K.
Childs, Esq. to the Chief Coiner-
ship of the Mint ~~in~~
vice Franklin Peale
removed & encloses
a duplicate of his
letter to Mr. Peale

Dec. 4. 1854

United States Mint
Office of Melter & Refiner

Phil^{a} 1. Dec. 1854.

Dear Sir

I report with much pleasure that the attendance of men in my Dep^{t} during the month of November has been good, there having been but one absence, & four who came in a few minutes after 7 o'clock A.M.

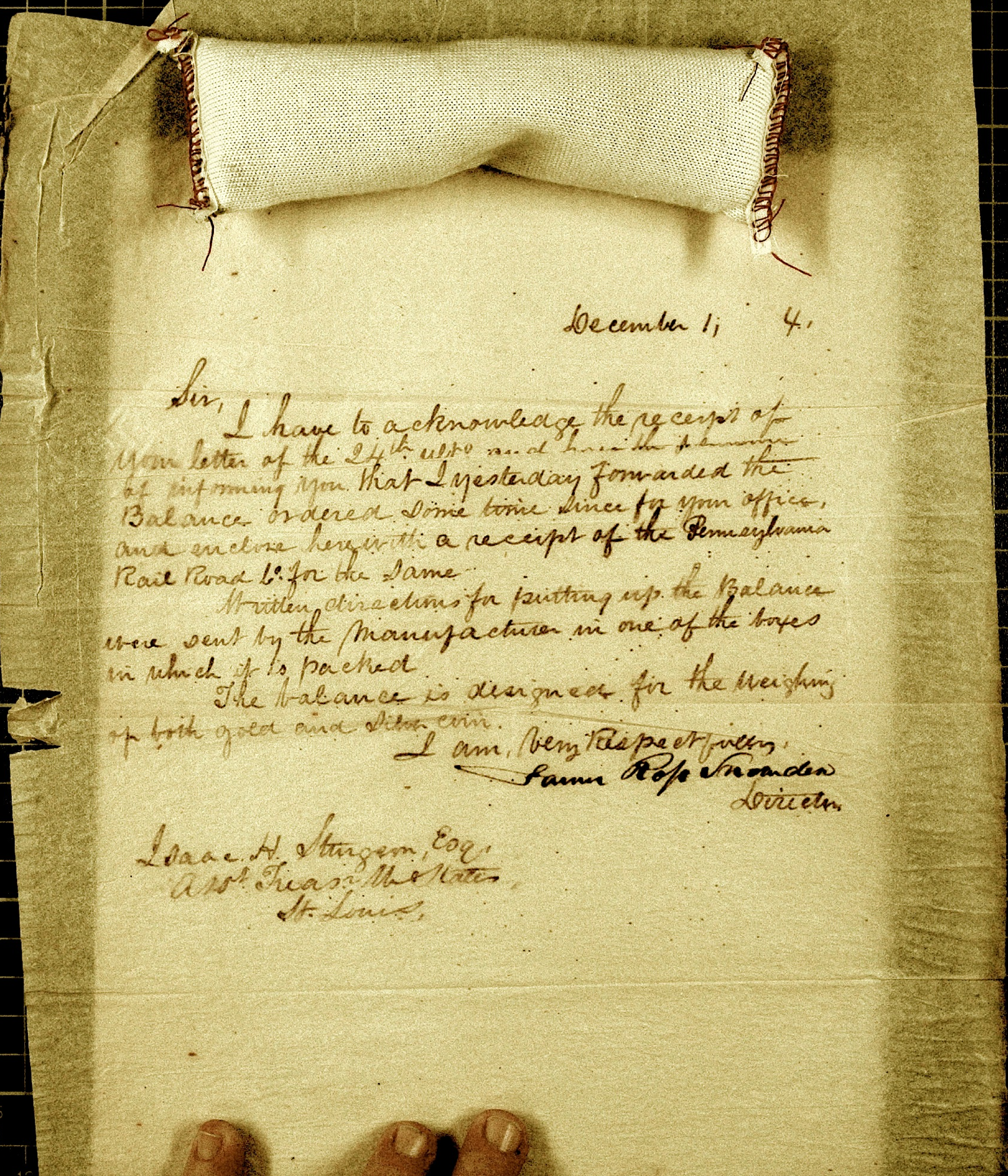
The number at present engaged in my Dep^{t} is 31, distributed as follows:

Foreman of Melting	1
Hands in Silver Melting & Granulating	12
" " Gold Melting	3
" " Deposite Melting	5
Foreman of Parting	1
Hands in Parting	4
" Sweep Grinding & washing	2
Watchmen	2
Help in weighing	1
	31

I have nothing to suggest in relation to increase or diminution of force, the present number being just suited to the present business of the Mint.

Very Respect^{ly} & Truly
Ja C Booth
M & R.

J. R. Snowden, Esq.
Director
U. S. Mint



December 1, 4.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ulto and have the pleasure of informing you that I yesterday forwarded the Balance ordered some time since for your office, and enclose herewith a receipt of the Pennsylvania Rail Road Co. for the same.

Written directions for putting up the Balance were sent by the Manufacturer in one of the boxes in which it is packed.

The Balance is designed for the weighing of both gold and silver coin.

I am, very Respectfully,

James Ross Snowden

Director

Isaac H. Sturgeon, Esq.
Asst. Treas. U. States
St. Louis.

Examiner should advise branch interest on demand or time loans should be collected at least every six months; and that mere payment of interest is not considered a renewal of the formal extension agreement is signed by all parties or the laws of the State provide otherwise. A new note, if practicable, at each maturity date is preferable.

* Include in "bad debts" only those bonds which have reached actual maturity dates, and otherwise come within the definition of a statutory bad debt.

SLOW AND DOUBTFUL PAPER AND LOSSES ON LOANS

List here all paper, including overdue paper, called for by this schedule. State briefly in each case the reason for the classification, and such furt ment as may be deemed appropriate. Give maturity dates of "bad debts" and other overdue paper subject to classification.

Maker, indorser, and security Amount	Overdue			Slow	Doubtful	L
	Due date	Class "A"	Class "B"			
TOTAL,						

Use Form 1425-R for continuation of list.

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December 1, 4.

Sir,

I made on the 30th ult. the monthly examinations required by the general regulations lately submitted to and approved by the Department. The following Statement exhibits the Amount of Coin in the vaults of the Treasury of the Mint at the close of the business of that day, corresponding with the balances as stated on the Books of the Institution, viz:

Gold	$705.238.92
Silver	873,026.25
Ordinary Fund	19,113.73
Total	$1,597,378.90.

Also in the Office of the Asst. Treasury of the U. States, including monies for the payment of Pensions, Interest on U. States Loans, &c and sums due certain officers of the U. States on deposit here:

Gold & Silver $783,095.55.

corresponding with the balances stated on the Books of that Office.

An examination into the condition of the Mint generally, shows that its operations are conducted with fidelity and economy, and that the utmost care is manifested in guarding the precious metals & coin.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faith-ful Servant,
[illegible] Snowden,
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1855/

June 11th 5.

Dear Sir,

I have caused the medals you ordered to be struck, and have this day forwarded them to you, that is to say, two hundred silver medals 999½ thousandths fine. The bill for the same, viz $222.75 has been handed to the agent for collection.

Very Respectfully
your obt servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint

Nathan Bishop Esq.
Superintendent of
Public Schools,
Boston, Mass.

Form 20
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank ____________________

LIST OF REAL ESTATE LOANS

1 Name of borrower	2 Amount of loan	3 Prior lien	4 Estimated value of property	5 Date mortgage taken	6 Maturity of mortgage	7 State whether secured by improved farm or other property	8 Is property located within legal boundary

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

January 10th 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th inst. and also of $ 125,000. in gold Coins for the "Adams Express Co" which amount has been duly credited.

The California Steamer has arrived to day, bringing about One & a quarter Million of dollars, for which I shall be ready to pay depositors in all this week, and will thank you, therefore, to send forward the coins as rapidly as you propose.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Sert
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia

Arlington Jany 10. 1855

Sir

Wishing to learn the value of Platina per Ounce & the mint being the most proper place that I know of to get the Information that I wish. I write to you & Send a Sample of the article will you please to write & inform me what the article is worth per Ounce & if their is much used at the present time & whether their is a ready Sale &c if convenient I would like an answer by return of Mail

Yours Respectfully
N. H. Batcheller

P S please direct your letter to N. H. Batcheller
Arlington
Vermont

January 16th 5

Sir,

Upon examining the metallic grains contained in your letter of the 10th inst, our Assayer finds an admixture of irid-osmium, and there are also particles of gold visible; so that the article requires a chemical treatment and some expense, to bring it into a marketable shape; and we could not undertake to give an estimate of its value. Pure platinum in plate, bar, or wire, is generally worth about six dollars an ounce: sometimes not more than five dollars. Probably some practical chemist in Boston would undertake to refine the article for you.

Respectfully yours

Director.

Mr N. H. Batcheller
Arlington Vt.

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U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

January 9th 1855

Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst is received, also One hundred & fifty thousand dollars in gold Coins, per the "Adams Express Co" which amount is placed to your Credit.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Jno. J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer of U S Mint
Philadelphia

P.S. Assay Mems recd.

6 To

Hon James Guthrie
Sec. Treas

Vault Doors put
up in a satisfactory
manner

Aug 9 1855

The Mines from whence derived

Standing of the Firm

Rate per Ton

2v J.B. Clark

June 9th 5.

Sir,

Messrs Remington & Co. have put up eight of the doors for the vaults in the Mint, and have delivered the ninth door, the putting up of which by direction of Capt. Bowman was postponed until the vault in the Treasurer's paying room is altered. They have given instructions as to the manner in which that door is to be put up.

The work is done in a satisfactory manner. Capt Talcott so expressed himself, and Capt. Bowman who was with us a day or two ago was well satisfied with that part of the work which came under his observation. In the absence of these officers, and at the request of Mr. Yale, of the firm of Messrs Remington & Co., I make this statement.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Obt. Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie.
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

[illegible] & CO.
BANKERS
Nº 95
[illegible] ST.
PITTSBURGH PA.

Pittsburgh January 9th/55

J. Ross Snowden Esqr
U. S. Mint
Phila

Dear Sir

Please send us a list of the rates at which you purchase foreign and old American Silver, and also foreign Gold Coin.

Yours
Respy
Tiernan & Co

Send Circular as to Silver
& make some genl. remarks
as to ~~Silver~~ gold

January 11, [illegible]5.

Gentlemen,

I have received your letter of the 9th inst. I enclose herewith a Circular exhibiting the rates at which [illegible] purchased at the Mint. The value of Gold may be stated at [illegible] per standard ounce. The precise value of a given quantity of Foreign Gold Coins can only be determined after their fineness has been ascertained by Assay. I may add that Gold deposited at the Mint to be converted into coin, is subject to a charge of the one half of one per cent for Coinage.

I am very Respectfully,

James Ross Snowden

Director.

Messrs

Tiernan & Co.

Pittsburgh,

Pa.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

January 8th 1855

Sir

Yours of the 6th inst has been received, enclosing Aſsay Mem° for bullion sent to you on the 2d inst. I have also recd from you $ 150.000. in gold Coins for the A. E. Co.

As per receipt & ſtatement I Transmit to you this day in the usual manner, fifteen boxes of of unparted gold bullion, Weighing 38.614.60 Ozs groſs. Net Value $ 705.122.26 .

When this reaches you, the amount of unparted bullion in your hands for which I ſhall be entitled to a return in Coins, will exceed 3 1/3 Million of dollars, exclusive of the One Million placed to the credit of the US Bullion a/c on the books of the Mint out of the unparted bullion sent you. Of this sum, about $ 900.000. are due upon the portion of unparted bullion Transmitted to the Mint, prior to the 23d ulto. If to this amount be added the $ 383.301.98 as per Aſsay Mem° above refered to, it will appear that the Mint is indebted to this Office, over 1 1/4 million of dollars in coins for unparted bullion.

in your hands, already assayed and reported upon. If I had this amount in my hands I should be able to pay depositors of Bullion to be received by the Steamer due this day.

I trust that the failure to satisfy depositors may yet be prevented by a timely remittance from you.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 20. Received of the Treasurer of the United States Assay Office, New York.

Fifteen Boxes containing 38.614.60 Ozs. Gold Bullion,
" " .... Silver "
Parcel " ....

Amounting in Net value to $705.122.26

Seven hundred & five thousand, One hundred & twenty two 26/100 Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, January 8th 1855

John Hoey
for the Adams Exp Co

Department of the Interior
January 8th 1855.

Sir,

Your letter of the 6th inst. has been received enclosing certificates of deposite for $3.350, being amount of Coupons on Tennessee bonds sent you for collection by this Department on the 5th inst.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
R McClelland
Secretary

J. Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

January 6th 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, as also pr the "Adams Express Co." of $100.246.79 in gold coins.

The payment of deposits by the present steamer, has exhausted all the coins provided for that purpose. The next steamer is now fully due, & will probably arrive tomorrow, and as the custom has been to pay for the deposits in about three days thereafter, I shall require sufficient coins to enable me to do so by the middle of the week, which I anticipate will be about one & a half million of dollars.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Patent Office,
Jany. 6th 1855.

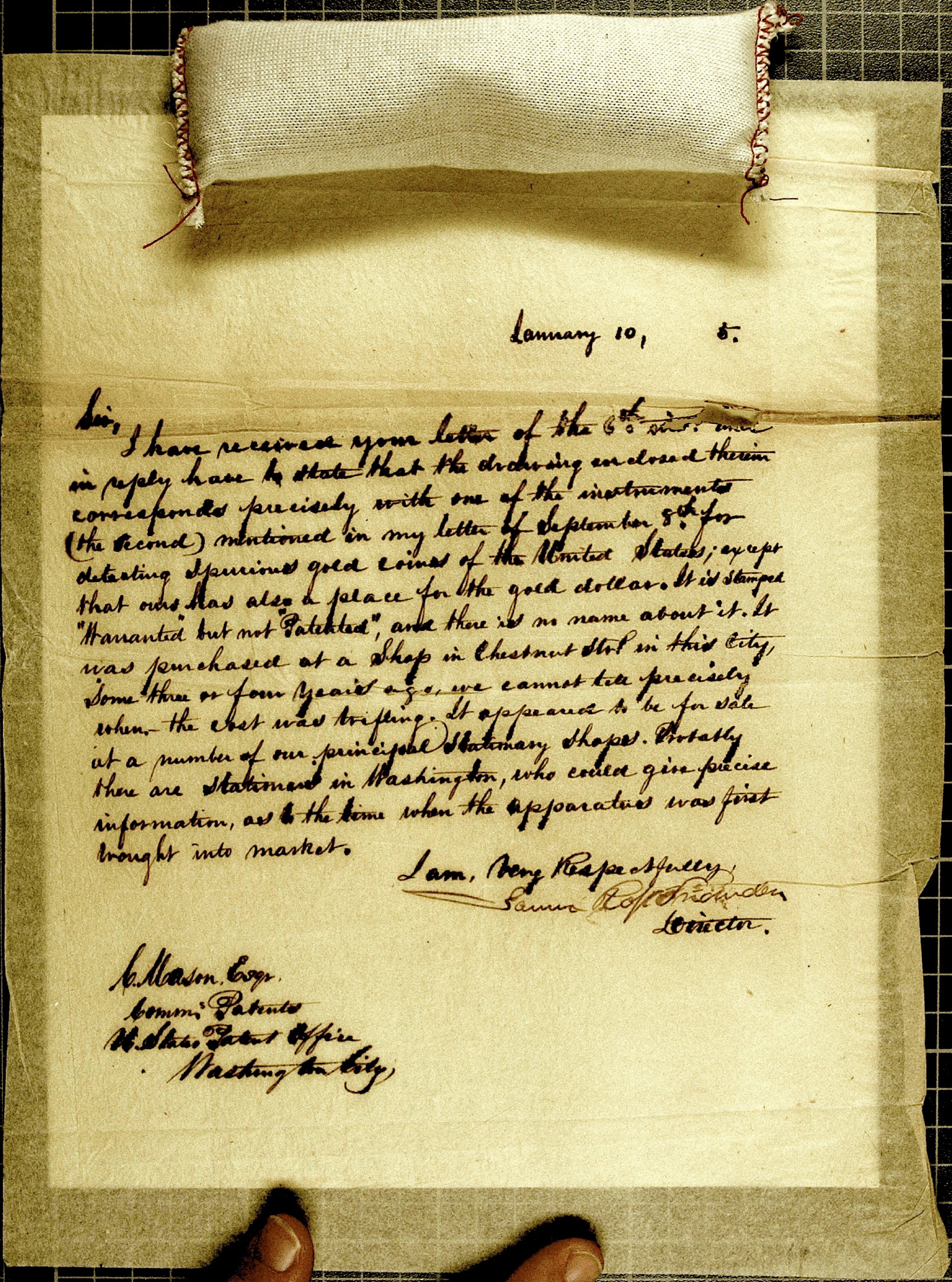
Sir

I have to express my thanks for the information contained in yours of the 8th Sept. last, and herewith inclose a drawing of such an instrument as was described in the official letter of Sept. 5th. Will you be so kind as to inform the office whether this is one of the instruments referred to by you? and if so, if it also was made by John Allender? and how long it has been used at the Mint.?

Respectfully. Yours &c

C. Mason
Comm.

James R. Snowden, Esq
Director U S Mint
Philadelphia



January 10, 5.

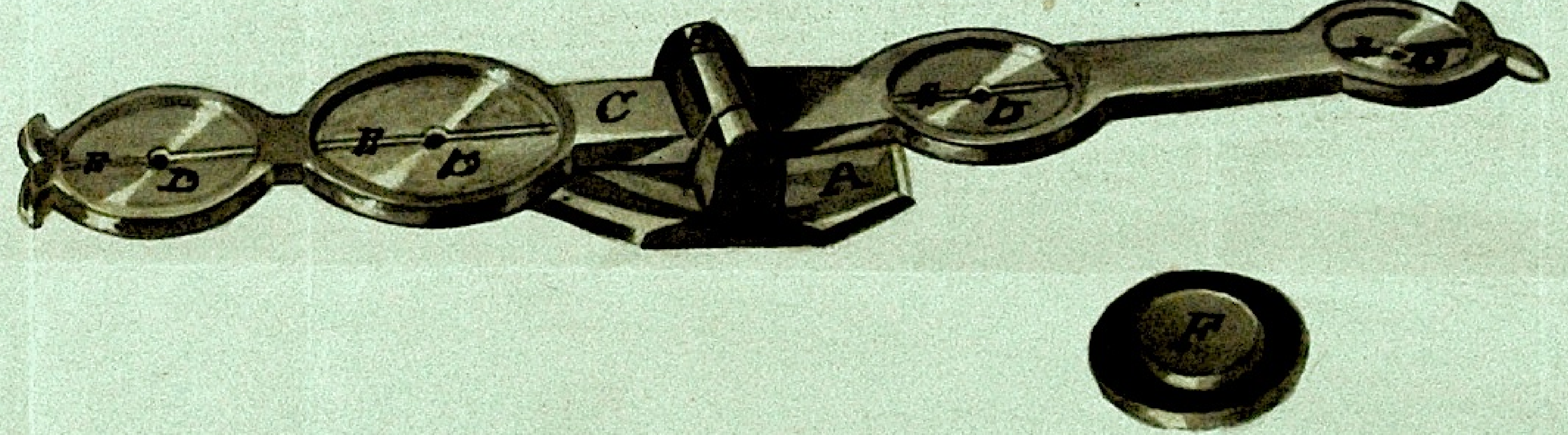
Sir,

I have received your letter of the 6th inst. and in reply have to state that the drawing enclosed therein corresponds precisely with one of the instruments (the second) mentioned in my letter of September 8th for detecting spurious gold coins of the United States; except that ours has also a place for the gold dollar. It is stamped "Warranted" but not "Patented", and there is no name about it. It was purchased at a Shop in Chestnut Str. in this City, some three or four years ago, we cannot tell precisely when, the cost was trifling. It appeared to be for sale at a number of our principal Stationary Shops. Probably there are Stationers in Washington, who could give precise information, as to the time when the apparatus was first brought into market.

I am, Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

C. Mason, Esqr.
Commr. Patents
U. States Patent Office
Washington City

John Allender – Balance for detecting spurious Coin
Withdrawn 8 Mo 29/54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To/ Hon. Secy of Interior.

Jan. 6, 1853.

Enclosing Receipts of Sub-Treasr here
pd Int. on Coupons, recd by me from Secy.

January 6th:, 6.

Sir:

The package containing 134 coupons, accompanying your letter of 5th: inst: has been received.

Agreeably to your request I have collected the same and deposited the proceeds to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, and herein enclose duplicated receipt of the Asst: Treasr. U.S. therefor, viz: $3,350.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obt. Servt.,
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

Hon: R. McClelland,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington City:

January 6th. 6.

Sir:

Your letter of . enclosing ck. for $1000. has been received, and the proceeds, in the denomination of coin requested by you, have been handed to Messrs. Adams & Co. for transmission, and for which I herewith forward their receipt.

Very respectfully,
Yours, &c.,
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

Geo. C. Northrop, Esq.,
Cashier &c.

Recd. Phila. Jany 6' 1854 of the U S Mint one bx contg. One thousand dollars gold coin which we agree to forward to the Racine Co Bk Racine Wis.
W K Hunter for the
Adams Express Company

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

January 5th 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, as also of $147.167.78 in Gold Coins per the "Adams Express Co".

You will please forward on Saturday the amount which you intended to remit, as it is desirable that I should be in possession of Coins to meet the payments of deposits for the next Steamer, at an early day as possible.

I have forwarded to day per receipt & statement enclosed, by the "Adams Express Co" One box containing 913.49 oz gross Unparted gold bars, Net Value $16.536.86 and 848.20 oz gross ditto silver bars, net Value $952.71 in all $17.489.57 which amount makes up the balance of unparted bullion in my hands at the close of the last year.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U S Mint
Philadelphia

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 19 Received of the Treasurer of the United States Assay Office, New York.

One { Box containing 913.49 Ozs Gold Bullion,
 " " 848.20 " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to $17489.57

Seventeen thousand four hundred &

Eighty Nine 57/100

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, January 5th 1855

Adams & Co
per [illegible]

January 5th:, 6.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 3d inst: relative to the collection of a deposit made at the Mint by Ernest Assenkops, now deceased, has been received.

It will be necessary for you before receiving the proceeds of this deposit to produce Letters of administration upon the Estate of Mr. Assenkops, duly authenticated by the Clerk of the Court issuing them, together with the certificate of the Judge thereof, and under the seal of the Court, which will be regarded as proof of the death of the depositor and of the appointment of his administrator. These letters of administration to be attached to a Power of attorney to collect the proceeds of this deposit, from the administrator to the party receiving the proceeds, to be authenticated in the same manner; and both of these documents must be accompanied by the "Mint receipt", given to Mr. Assenkops at the time of making the deposit. It will be proper, also, that these documents should be in English, if practicable.

I am, very respectfully,

Yours, &c:,

James Ross Snowden.
Director:

Messrs Meyer & Stucken,
New-York City:

Department of the Interior
January 5th 1855.

Sir,

By this day's mail I send you 134 Coupons Tennessee five per cent bonds, amounting to $3.350 — due on the 1st inst. as per abstract enclosed.

Will you be pleased to collect the same and deposit the amount thereof, for me, to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States as interest on Stocks, held in trust for the benefit of the Indians.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt
R McClelland
Secretary

J. Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Hockley, Cashr

Mint — Please send proceeds $3.350 by my Messenger.
& oblige
J. R. Snowden
Director

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Abstract of Tennessee Five per cent Coupon Bond held in trust by the Secretary of the Interior for the benefit of Certain Indian Tribes the interest on which is payable Semi Annually at Philadelphia

	No. of Bond	Date of Bond	When Redeem-able	Amount of Bond	Interest due every Six Months
√	10	1st July 1852	1869	1,000	25.00
√	15	"	"	1,000	25.00
√	77	"	"	1.000	25.00
√	79	"	"	1,000	25.00
√	118	"	"	1,000	25.00
√	119	"	"	1,000	25.00
√	231	"	"	1,000	25.00
√	262	"	1870	1,000	25,00
√	273	"	"	1,000	25.00
√	274	"	"	1,000	25.00
√	287	"	"	1,000	25,00
√	295	1st January 1853	"	1.000	25,00
√	319	1st July 1852	"	1,000	25,00
√	332	"	"	1,000	25,00
√	401	"	"	1,000	25.00
√	408	"	"	1,000	25,00
√	414	"	"	1,000	25.00
√	417	1st January 1853	"	1,000	25.00
√	423	"	"	1,000	25,00
√	436	1st July 1852	"	1,000	25.00
		20 Bonds of $1.000 ea	is	$ 20,000	$ 500.00 Foward –

		20 Bonds		$20,000	$500.00
✓	446	1st July 1852	1870	1.000	25,00
✓	453	"	"	1,000	25,00
✓	461	"	"	1.000	25,00
✓	462	"	"	1,000	25,00
✓	551	.	"	1.000	25,00
✓	552	"	"	1,000	25,00
✓	562	1st January 1853	"	1,000	25,00
✓	563.	1st July 1852	"	1,000	25,00
✓	564	"	"	1,000	25,00
✓	573	1st January 1853	"	1.000	25,00
✓	587	1st July 1852	"	1,000	25,00
✓	588	"	"	1,000	25,00
✓	589	"	"	1,000	25.00
✓	609	"	"	1,000	25.00
✓	617	"	"	1,000	25,00
✓	.629	"	1871	1,000	25,00
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✓	668	1st July 1852	"	1,000	25,00
✓	675	"	"	1,000	25,00
✓	680	"	"	1,000	25,00
✓	684	"	"	1.000	25,00
✓	687	"	"	1,000	25,00
✓	691	"	"	1.000	25,00
✓	692	"	"	1,000	25,00
✓	693	"	"	1.000	25,00
✓	703	"	"	1,000	25,00
✓	736	"	"	1,000	25,00
✓	744	"	"	1,000	25,00
		48 Bonds of $1,000 ea is		$48,000	$1200.00
					Foward—

		48 Bonds
✓	745	1st July 1852
✓	746	"
✓	750	1st January 185
✓	757	1st July 185
✓	806	"
✓	818	1st January 18
✓	821	1st July 185
✓	823	"
✓	824	"
✓	828	1st January 18
✓	842	1st July 18
✓	843	"
✓	848	"
✓	851	"
✓	864	1st January 18
✓	877	1st July 18
✓	882	1st January 18
✓	886	"
✓	895	1st July
✓	897	"
✓	898	"
✓	899	"
✓	902	"
✓	903	"
✓	914	"
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		48 Bonds		$ 48,000	$ 1200.00
✓	745	1st July 1852	1871	1,000	25.00
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✓	750	1st January 1853	"	1,000	25.00
✓	757	1st July 1852	"	1,000	25.00
✓	806	"	"	1,000	25.00
✓	818	1st January 1853	"	1,000	25.00
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✓	828	1st January 1853	"	1,000	25.00
✓	842	1st July 1852	"	1,000	25.00
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✓	848	"	"	1,000	25.00
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✓	864	1st January 1853	"	1,000	25.00
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✓	882	1st January 1853	"	1,000	25.00
✓	886	"	"	1,000	25.00
✓	895	1st July 1852	"	1,000	25.00
✓	897	"	"	1,000	25.00
✓	898	"	"	1,000	25.00
✓	899	"	"	1,000	25.00
✓	902	"	"	1,000	25.00
✓	903	"	"	1,000	25.00
✓	914	"	"	1,000	25.00
✓	925	"	"	1,000	25.00
✓	928	1st January 1853	1872	1,000	25.00
✓	929	1st July 1852	"	1,000	25.00
		76 Bonds of $ 1,000 ea is		$ 76,000	$ 1900.00 Forward

		76 Bonds		$ 76.000	$ 1900,00
√	948	1st July 1852	1872	1.000	25,00
√	949	"	"	1.000	25,00
√	950	"	"	1.000	25,00
√	959	1st January 1853	"	1.000	25.00
√	970	"	"	1.000	25,00
√	971	"	"	1.000	25,00
√	972	"	"	1.000	25.00
√	973	"	"	1.000	25.00
√	1088	1st July 1852	"	1.000	25.00
√	1090	1st January 1853	"	1.000	25,00
√	1091	"	"	1.000	25,00
√	1092	"	"	1.000	25,00
√	1107	1st July 1852	"	1.000	25,00
√	1114	"	"	1.000	25.00
√	1127	1st January 1853	"	1.000	25,00
√	1137	"	"	1.000	25,00
√	1150	1st July 1852	"	1.000	25,00
√	1162	1st January 1853	"	1.000	25,00
√	1165	"	"	1.000	25.00
√	1179	1st July 1852	"	1.000	25.00
√	1196	1st January 1853	"	1.000	25.00
√	1197	1st July 1852	"	1.000	25.00
√	1219	"	"	1.000	25.00
√	1237	"	"	1.000	25,00
√	1252	"	"	1.000	25.00
√	1348	"	1873	1.000	25.00
√	1359	1st January 1853	"	1.000	25,00
√	1365	1st July 1852	"	1.000	25.00
		104 Bonds of $1.000 ea is $		104.000	$ 2600.00

		104 Bonds			$104.000	$2600.00
√	1371	1st July	1852	1873	1,000	25.00
√	1373	"		"	1,000	25.00
√	1396	1st January	1853	"	1,000	25.00
√	1403	1st July	1852	"	1,000	25.00
√	1405	"		"	1,000	25.00
√	1408	"		"	1,000	25.00
√	1413	"		"	1.000	25.00
√	1427	"		1874	1,000	25.00
√	1433	1st January	1853	"	1,000	25.00
√	1440	1st July	1852	"	1,000	25.00
√	1446	"		"	1,000	25.00
√	1450	1st January	1853	"	1,000	25.00
√	1451	1st July	1852	"	1,000	25.00
√	1454	1st January	1853	"	1,000	25.00
√	1456	"		"	1,000	25.00
√	1464	1st July	1852	"	1,000	25.00
√	1468	1st January	1853	"	1.000	25.00
√	1480	1st July	1852	"	1,000	25.00
√	1492	1st January	1853	"	1.000	25.00
√	1495	"		"	1,000	25.00
√	1501	1st July	1852	"	1.000	25.00
√	1504	"		1875	1,000	25.00
√	1505	"		"	1.000	25.00
√	1512	"		"	1.000	25.00
√	1596	"		1878	1,000	25.00
√	1597	"		"	1.000	25.00
√	1598	"		"	1,000	25.00
		27				
		131 Bonds of $1.000 ea is			$ 131,000	$ 3275.00

		131 Bonds		$131,000	$ 3275.00
✓	1439	1st July 1852	1878	1,000	25.00
✓	1757	"	1880	1,000	25.00
✓	1758	"	"	1,000	25.00
		3			
		134 Bonds of $1000 ea is	$	134,000	$3,350.00

19.

Deposits of Gold Bullion.

Assay Number.	Gross Weight. Oz.	Gross Weight. Dec.	Proportion of Gold. 1000ths.	Assay slips	Total diff		Standard Weight. Oz.	Standard Weight. Dec.	Value of Gold. Dollars.	Value of Gold. Cents.	Proportion of Silver. 1000ths.	Silver Parted. N. B.—1-90th of the Std. Wt. of Gold is the Std. Weight of Silver left for alloy. Standard Weight. oz.	Silver Parted. Standard Weight. dec.	Silver Parted. Value. $ c	Charges on the Deposit. Parting. $ c	Charges on the Deposit. Coinage. $ c	Charges on the Deposit. Bars. $ c	Charges on the Deposit. Total. $ c	Net Value of Deposit. Dollars.	Net Value of Deposit. Cents.	Premium on Silver. 5½ per Cent. $ c	Depositors' Names.	Receipt Number.	Date.	Mode of Payment. In Gold Coins. $ c	Mode of Payment. In Bars. $ c	Mode of Payment. Total. $ c
765	154	99	855	.27	.27	21.221 2.882 24.103	147	240			140	22	62														
6	93	59	885½	.18	.18	10.339 .996 11.335	92	082			109	10	41														
7	143	16	880½	.19	.19	15.906 .226 16.132	140	058			114	16	72														
8	129	50	846	.19	.14	14.389 [illegible] 1.395 [illegible]	121	730			149	20	21														
9	126	70	880½	.18	.11	14.098 1.970 16.068	123	955			114	14	80														
770	265	55	892½	.25	.27	29.905 .790 30.695	263	337			102	27	44														
	913	49 5½ over		1.26	1.267 1.07 2.16		888	402	16528	41		112	20	130 56	45 67	83 29	.	128 96	16530	01	6 85			1855 Jan 5.	16536 86		

Deposits of Silver Bullion.

Assay Number.	Gross Weight. Oz.	Gross Weight. Dec.	Proportion. 1000ths.	Assay slips	Total diff	Standard Weight. Oz.	Standard Weight. Dec.	Value of Silver Dollars	Value of Silver Cents	Charges on the Deposit. Coinage. $ c	Charges on the Deposit. Bars. $ c	Charges on the Deposit. Total. $ c	Net Value of Deposit. Dollars.	Net Value of Deposit. Cents.	Date.	Mode of Payment. In Gold Coins. $ c
21	559	40	900		.51	559	400									
22	288	80	821		1.60	263	45									
	848	20 10 10 short				822	85	957	50	. 4 79	.	4 79	952	71	〃 〃	952 71

Treasury Department,
Comptrollers Office,
Jany 5 1854

Dan'l Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir.

Your account as Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia, "of Copper Coinage" for the quarter ending 30 Sept. 1854. has been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance of $1123.81 found to be due from you to the United States, which Consist as follows.

Copper Coinage	$453.27
Copper Account.	$670..54
	$1123.81

Most Respectfully,
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller,

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

January 4th 1854

Sir

Your letter of yesterday, together with $128.948.21 in gold coins, per the "Adams Express Co" is received. I shall require from $150.000. to $200.000. in addition to pay for deposits by the present Steamer. That due on Saturday next will probably bring a Million & a half of dollars, to pay for which it is desirable that you should furnish me with coins as rapidly as possible.

Per receipt of statement enclosed I have this day forwarded per the "Adams Express Co" Seventeen boxes of unparted gold bars weighing 42.956.14 Ozs gross, of the Net Value of $791.730.85

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr US Mint
Philadelphia

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 18 Received of the Treasurer of the United States

Assay Office, New York.

Fourteen Boxes containing 42,954.14 Ozs. Gold Bullion,

" " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to $791,730.85

Seven Hundred & Ninety One Thousand, Seven

Hundred & Thirty 85/100 Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, January 4th 1855.

Adams & Co.
Per John K. Stimson Atty

January 14th, 5.

Sir

Your letter of yesterday has been received. Enclosed you will please find a copy of the 2d page of your [illegible] as requested by you

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Elisha Whit [illegible]
Comp [illegible]
Wa [illegible] ton

being and constituting certain profits accruing, for and on account of deposits of Gold in a crude State, and the partings therefrom of silver of less than five dollars in each case of deposit respectively &c; are to be carried directly into the Treasury, and will not hereafter be taken up and carried into the account of the proper Officers of the Mint and branches, as contingent receipts.

If you have the amount in your hands it should therefore be deposited in the name of Mr Caldwell, and one of the certificates transmitted to the Department, and the other to Mr Caldwell, so that he can charge the deposit, in the next rendition of his Gold and Silver Bullion account.

Also please to state whether or not you have the vouchers for expenditures made by you on account of the Charlotte Branch; or whether you intend to, or have sent them to Mr Caldwell, to render to the government as an expense incurred by him

You will perceive if the present advance

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

January 3d 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst and regret that you were unable to furnish me with more Coins to day.

As per receipt & statement inclosed I have this day forwarded per the "Adams Express Company" Eight boxes of Unparted gold bars weighing gross 21.862.81 Ozs. amounting in Net Value to Three hundred & ninety eight Thousand, two hundred & twenty four 85/100 dollars ($ 398.224.85).

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Jno. J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr US Mint
Philadelphia

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 17. Received of the Treasurer of the United States Assay Office, New York.

Eight Boxes containing 21,842.81 Ozs. Gold Bullion,

„ „ Silver „

~~Parcel~~ „

Amounting in Net value to $398,224.85

Three hundred & Ninety eight thousand,

Two hundred & twenty four 85/100 Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, January 3d 1855.

Adams & Co

Per John K. Harrison

Atty

January 3rd. i

Sir:

In reply to your letter of 2nd. inst^{t}. relative to a requisiti
for $\$850$. made by the Superintendent at Charlotte to enable one to
demands against his branch Mint, and inquiring as to the tran
to one of $\$1990.\frac{98}{100}$ for the same purpose, I have to state, that I re
ceived from the Superintendent on the 12th. ulto: a communica
informing me of your having declined acceding to his request
that this fund should be appropriated to that purpose, and req
ing a statement of my a/c. with his branch. This statement
subsequently furnished to him, with the vouchers to that da
(12 ulto:) for the items of credit taken by me therein. A num
of articles required for the use of his branch, have been reques
by the Superintendent, and it is most probably to pay for them
when furnished that he has made requisition for $\$850$. as sta
by you. The sum of $\$1990.\frac{98}{100}$, to which you refer, has no
been transferred to me, but on the contrary, as I am informe
by the Superintendent, has been passed to the credit of the U.
upon the books of his branch Mint.

I am in doubt as to what "recent decision of the Secre
you refer to, as prohibiting the silver parted (under $\$5$.) for the
fit of the Mint from being "carried into the account of the prop:
"Officers of the Mint and branches as contingent receipts." I a
not advised of such a decision; on the contrary, by a commu
cation from the Department, of date 30 Sep: last, the Secretary
"I cannot, therefore, see any reason for changing the establis

"practice at the Mint in Philadelphia of carrying the value of the Silver thus separated to the credit of the Ordinary account." With reference to the branches at Charlotte and Dahlonega, the Secretary "thought best that the amount transferred to Philadelphia should be paid into the Treasury" because "there being a considerable balance, in addition to the appropriation "for the current year to the credit of the appropriations for the contingent expenses of these branches", "and it being presumed "that the amount which had accumulated at them would not "be required for their ordinary expenses", therefore, the accumulated amount, might pass into the Treasury U. S., and under this decision, the sum in my hands transferred from the branch at Dahlonega, was thus disposed of; and the Superintendent of the branch at Charlotte being directed to transfer the amount accrued at his branch to the credit of the U.S. on the books of his branch, thus disposed of the sum in his hands, as herein before stated.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.;
Jam. Ross Snowden
Director.

Elisha Whittlesey, Esq.;
Comptroller, &c.;
Washington City.

Treasury Department
Comptroller Office
3d January 1855

James Ross Snowden. Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Sir

By inadvertance of the Messenger that took the press copy of the letter addressed to you on yesterday the second page was not expressed.

I shall be very much obliged if you will cause that page of the letter to be copied and enclosed to me.

Most Sincerely
Yours
Elisha Whittlesey

U. S. Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New-York, January 2d 1855.

Sir

Yours of the 30th ult. & 1st inst. enclosing two Assay memorandums & your a/c Current, also Silver Certificates No 1 & 2 came to hand in due course of mail.

I have also rec.d from you $ 198.632.86 & $ 180.396.56 making together Three hundred & Seventy nine thousand & twenty nine 42/100 dollars in gold Coins.

Your Ac/current shewing a balance to my Credit on the 30th ult. of $ 1.599.331.50 is correct.

The steamer has just arrived with the California gold. I shall need in addition to the amount now in my hands, about ½ a Million of dollars by friday or saturday of this week to enable me to pay for the deposits by this arrival.

The next steamer due on the 8th inst. will probably bring $ 1.500.000. I hope you will be able to keep me supplied with the Coins as fast as they shall be needed. I send you to day eight boxes of Unparted gold bullion Weighing 21132.28 ozs gross Net Value $ 383.328.85 & propose transmitting a similar amount for each succession day this week, until the amount now in my hands has been forwarded to you.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Jn. J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas.r U S Mint. Phil.a

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 16 Received of the Treasurer of the United States Assay Office, New York.

Eight Boxes containing 21,132.28 Ozs Gold Bullion,

" .... Silver "

~~Parcel~~ " ....

Amounting in Net value to $ 383,328.85

Three hundred & Eighty three thousand, three hundred & twenty eight 85/100 Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, January 2nd 1855.

Adams & Co

Pr John K. Stimson

Washburn & Co.
No. 37 Wall Street.

New York, Jany 3 1854

To Managers of the Mint

Gentlemen.

We have your favor of the

On the 27th ulto we sent you by Harnden's Express a bag of Gold Dust for coinage. Please inform us when the Coin will probably be ready & oblige

Yours &c
Washburn & Co

5059 – pr. Harnden & Co 3d Jany

Office of Meyer & Stucken
76 Beaver Street

New York 3 January 1855.

To the United States mint. Philadelphia Pa.

Gentlemen!

We beg to refer to our letter of 15th March 1854, relative to a certificate of deposit from the U. St. mint for about 3–4000 $ deposited by late Ernest Ossenkop in spring or summer 1853; having since received a power of attorney to collect the estate of said Ernest Ossenkop and a special power of attorney from the administrators duly certified and attested, authorising us to receive the amount deposited at the U. St. mint, we beg to enquire whether on receipt of said power of attorney duly translated (the original being in german) you are ready to deliver said deposit over to us or if any and what further steps are required, before we can receive it. —

We remain respectfully

Gentlemen!

Your obed.t Servt.

Meyer Stucken

To/ Secretary of Treasury.
Jan. 2, 1855.

Requisition for $38,225. to pay for Salaries, Wages & contingent Expenses.

January 1855

Mint of the United States
Philad^a 2 Jan. 1855

Sir,

I have to request that you will issue your requisition, in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, for Thirty eight thousand two hundred & twenty-five dollars payable out of the appropriation for the current fiscal year, viz — for salaries $6225.
wages 18000
contingencies 14000
38225

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful Servant
James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. Jas. Guthrie
Sec. of Treasury
Washington

January 2nd, 5.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 28th: ulto. and in reply have to state, that on the receipt of an equivalent in gold coin, cents, in kegs of $100. each, are forwarded, at the expense of the Mint, for freight, to all points of ready accessibility. The three cent pieces and other silver coins (excepting the one dollar piece) are exchanged for gold, at the counter of the Mint, but we do not undertake to distribute them. Such exchanges, and distribution, are attended to by the Express Companies, for those who employ them.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

William Quinby Esq:,
Beloit,
Wisconsin.

January 1st: 5.

Sir:

Your note of 29th: ulto:, inquiring the value at the Mint of the Austrian rix dollar, has been received.

The value as stated in the manual of the Assayers, referred to in your letter, with the premium thereon allowed at the Mint (5 p.c.) added thereto, will give the price at which this coin is purchased at the Mint, viz: $1.01 & $1.02

I inclose, for your information, a copy of my circular of June 24 last, fixing a tariff of prices for Silver purchased at the Mint.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours, &c:
James Ross Snowden
Director:

To

Cash: Com: Bk:,
Salem, Mass:

January 1st: 6.

Sir:

Your letter of 17th: ulto:; inquiring as to a deposit of Gold made at the Mint in your name, was duly received on 21st:, but I have delayed replying to it in order to confer with the Agent of the American Express Company, by whom the gold was deposited for you on the 12 Sept: last. The Weight of the bullion after melting was ozs. 43.17 and the net proceeds received from the deposit on the 14th: Sept: was $827.56/100. – Mr. Harrison, the Express agent, informs me that this amount was duly forwarded and properly marked to your address, and that he has written concerning it to the Office of his Company at New York, whence, if it be detained there, it will will be immediately transmitted to you.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours, &c: –
James Ross Snowden
Director:

Mr. Andrew Harrison,
Flint,
Michigan.

Phila Jany 1. 1855

J. Roſs Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Dr Sir

We have a set of braſs weights made for weighing Gold from $5000 — down — We would be much obliged if your rules would allow us to send them with a proper person to adjust them by the standard in the mint.

As the weights are to be used by a Bank who will reweigh Gold as it is received from the mint, we think it important in order to save trouble to have this standard to agree with the standard at the mint.

Yours Very Respectfully
Abbott & Co
pr J H McKever

Jan. 18 6.

Gentlemen:

My absence from town and pressing engagements since my return has prevented an earlier reply to your favor of the 9th inst. requesting permission to adjust by the Standards in the Mint a set of weights you have prepared for weighing U.S. Coin.

I have given this request a very careful consideration and I regret to say that I cannot oblige you in this matter. The Mint Standard is very carefully preserved and is only used occasionally and, to prevent ~~[illegible]~~ inaccuracy – is handled by our most experienced officers and workmen. The use of it for other than Mint purposes seems to me inadmissible. Besides, I may state that the act of Congress passed June 14. 1836 makes provision for an uniform standard of weights & provides that each State shall be furnished with these standards.

The standard for the Mint was provided for by the act of May 19. 1828. Sec. 2. & 3, as follows " The brass Troy pound weight procured by the Minister of the United States at London in the year 1827, for the use of the Mint, and now in the Custody of the Director thereof, shall be the Standard Troy pound of the Mint of the United States, conformably to which the Coinage thereof shall be regulated".

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant,
James Roſs Snowden,
Director U.S. Mint.

Meſsrs Abbott & Co.
Philada.

The standard for the Mint was provided for by the act of May 19. 1828. Sec. 2 & 3, as follows "The brass Troy pound weight procured by the Minister of the United States at London in the year 1827, for the use of the Mint, and now in the Custody of the Director thereof, shall be the Standard Troy pound of the Mint of the United States, conformably to which the Coinage thereof shall be regulated".

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director U.S. Mints.

Messrs Abbott & Co.
Philada.

Deposits of Gold Bullion, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Assay Number.	Gross Weight.		Proportion of Gold.	Standard Weight.		Value of Gold.		Proportion of Silver.	Amount of Silver, Less 1-99th left unextracted in Standard Gold.				Charges on the Deposit.								Net Value of Deposit.		Depositors' Names.	Receipt Number.	Date.	MODE OF PAYMENT.					
									Standard Weight.		Value.		Parting.		Coinage.		Bars.		Total.							In Gold Coins.		In Silver Coins.		In Bars.	
	Oz.	Dec.	1000ths.	oz.	dec.	$	c	1000ths.	oz.	dec.	$	c	$	c	$	c	$	c	$	c	Dollars.	Cents.				$	c	$	c	$	c

Deposits of Gold Bullion, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Assay Number.	Gross Weight.		Proportion of Gold.			Standard Weight.			Value of Gold.		Proportion of Silver.	Amount of Silver, Less 1-99th left unextracted in Standard Gold.			Charges on the Deposit.				Net Value of Deposit.		Depositors' Names.	~~Receipt Number.~~ Box No.	Date.	MODE OF PAYMENT.		
	Oz.	Dec.	1000ths.			oz.	dec.		$	c	1000ths.	Standard Weight. oz. dec.	Value. $	c	Parting. $ c	Coinage. $ c	Bars. $ c	Total. $ c	Dollars.	Cents.				In Gold Coins. $ c	In Silver Coins. $ c	In Bars. $ c
201	33	45	678	.21	.21	25	199	11.15 .5775 .371 17.466			316	1149										1				
2	15	19	737½	.16	.16	12	447				–											"				
3	20	05	675	.17	.05	15	037	6.683 446 7.129			320	697										"				
4	62	64	833½	.17	.19	58	011	6.96 4.176 69 11.205			161	1062										"				
5	75	76	896½	.24	.19	75	466				–											"				
6	240	22	895	.33	.41	238	885	26.491			100	2428										"				
7	72	72	899	.22	.17	72	639				–											"				
8	125	98	993½	.31	.29	139	068				–											"				
210	22	92	890	.23	.23	22	665				–											"				
1	185	74	881	.53	.67	181	819	20.638 2889 23.527			114	2169										"				
2	52	63	878½	.19	.21	51	373	5.848			–											"				
3	107	96	880	.25	.29	104	681	11.895 1.785 13.681			115	1262										"				
4	136	21	881	.25	.30	133	335	15.134 2.119 17.253			114	1591										"				
5	114	40	881	.25	.39	111	985	12.711 1.780 14.49			114	1336										"				
6	75	40	883	.26	.20	73	976	8.328 [illegible] 8.984			107	822										"				
7	444	49	891	.27	.27	440	045	49.386 1.975 51.363			104	4692										"				
220	107	34	898½	.28	.18	107	161	11.526 478 11.748			96	1037										"				
1	116	18	865	.38	.42	111	662	12.905 3873 16.782			130	1566										"				
2	12	68	865½	.20	.20	12	194				–											"				
3	7	78	870	.12	.12	7	521				–											1+2				
4	1086	02	887	.25	1.89	1070	333	120669 9659 130328			108	11952										2				
5	1075	32	899	.22	.52	1074	125	119460 4179 117701			96	10385										"				
6	1074	15	899	.21	1.52	1072	956	119350 4774 114576			96	10374										3				
7	1075	18	899½	.26	.32	1074	583	119464 5973 113491			95	10264														
	6339	51		5.96	8.53	6287	166					62786														
																						3				
											96	10388										3+4				
228	1075	64	899	.23	.31	1074	444	119515 [illegible]																		

3	778	870	.12	.12	7521		–		"
4	108602	887	.25	1.09	1070333	120669 9653 130322	108	11952	"
5	107532	899	.22	.52	1074125	119480 4779 114701	96	10385	1+2
6	107415	899	.21	1.52	1072956	119235 4779 114456	96	10374	2
7	107518	899½	.26	.32	1074583	119464 5973 113491	95	10264	"
	633951		596	853	6287166			62786	3
228	107564	899	.23	.31	1074444	119515 4782 114733	96	10388	3
229	107665	898½	.27	17	1074856	119626 4726 114842	96	10399	3+4
230	107542	899½	.24	+.27	1074823	119491 5974 113517	95	10266	4
1	107396	900½	.25	.03	1074557	119327 7157 112170	94	10132	"
2	108831	887	.23	+.26	1072590	120923 9674 130597	108	11977	5
3	107338	900	.20	.33	1073380	119264 5963 113301	95	10246	"
4	107933	897	.18	.18	1075732	119925 3399 116526	98	10566	5+6
5	107599	899	.21	.21	1074794	119554 4782 114772	96	10392	6
6	108842	885½	.18	+.07	1070884	120935 10884 131819	109	12101	"
7	13995	641	.31	.27	99675	[illegible]	331	5047	7
240	11518	910	.30	.38	116460	[illegible]	85	970	"
1	108772	886	.25	.25	1070800	120856 9668 130524	108	11971	"
	1104995		281	153	10952495			114453	
242	107630	898	.30	.30	1073909	119589 5527	97	10515	7
3	97030	867½	.16	.55	935261	[illegible]	127	12748	8
4	97374	835½	.21	.60	903955	[illegible]	159	16290	"
5	97450	862½	.24	.63	933896	[illegible]	132	13350	8+9
6	96860	877	.17	.56	943847	[illegible]	118	11746	9
7	97520	881	.44	.83	954613	108355 15177 123532	114	11390	"
8	97447	877½	.17	.55	950108	[illegible]	117	11708	9+10
9	97850	872½	.22	.41	948601	[illegible]	122	12306	10
250	97400	867	.21	.49	938287	[illegible]	128	12905	"
1	108300	900	.17	.17	1083000	[illegible]	95	10338	11
2	154619	909½	.24	.24	1562511	[illegible]	85	13025	
	1129480		253	531	11227988			136323	

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Treasury Department
February 2. 1855.

Sir

I have received your state:
:ment shewing the profits on the coinage at the Mint during the year 1854. – A copy will be sent to the Committee of Ways & Means.

I enclose, also, for your examination & report a letter received thro' the State Department from Professor Lleys of the University of Leyden asking for copies of Medals struck by this Government.

I am very Resp.
James Guthrie
Sec Treasury.

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Director of Mint

8 M. 1. Medal (Medallic Ex:)

Feb. 3d 5

Sir

I have your favor of the 2d inst. enclosing for my examination and report a letter from Prof. van der Chys of the University of Leyden asking for copies of the National medals struck by order of our government - Also for a Copy of the one struck for the New York Industrial exhibition.

This application presents an additional reason to those already brought to the notice of the Department in favor of the establishment of a Medal Department at the Mint or the passage of some law regulating that subject. In my recent Report to the President of the United States I renewed the recommendation heretofore urged upon the department and attached to the report a Copy of my Communication relating to Medals.

As no provision has been made for striking copies of these medals it would be well to await the action of Congress, and I have to request your co-operation in procuring the passage of some law regulating it, if the project attached to my report is not deemed satisfactory.

There are about seventy of the dies in the

Mint — National and Presidential — besides a few others of a public character — such as the dies of the New York industrial Exhibition. The copies will cost about $2. a piece to strike them in bronze. It seems quite desirable that cabinets like that established at the University of Leyden should be supplied with copies. But if it is designed that these should be presented by the government, it seems proper that an appropriation should be made in the bill establishing the Medal department. If the medals are sold at the cost incurred by the government, then no appropriation would be necessary, but as we may find it expedient to make donations of copies to foreign governments and numismatic cabinets, as well as to our own National and State governments and Historical Societies an appropriation of say $4,000 might be added to the bill presented. Part of this sum may be found necessary in order to arrange the Medal department and supply materials.

I hope something may be done on this subject during the present session of Congress, so that we may be able, if you desire it, to supply Prof. Van der Chys with the copies he desires, and also to organize the medal cannot be so as to release us from our present embarrassments and be of advantage to the United States by disseminating at home and abroad copies of our national medals, which form important monuments of our History.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

P.S. I enclose Mr. Marcy's letter
and Mr. Henderley's.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1854/DECEMBER (CONT.)

U. S. Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New-York, Decem 30 1854

Sir

Yours of the 29th inst. together with the $225,000. in gold Coins therein referred to, have been received.

I trust that you will be able to ſend on Monday an additional ſum to the $200,000. promised me in your letter.

The aſsays and Calculations of the deposits by the last ſteamer, have been completed, and I purpoſe forwarding the amount, ſay $1.500.000. in all of next week. When you ſend me the aſsay memorandum for the Unparted bullion forwarded to you on the 22nd inst & furnish a ſtatement of the a/c between us, I ſhall be pleased to learn what is the prospect of my receiving coins at an early day, for the balance now due me.

The funds in the Assistant Treasury here, will be almost exhausted in a few days; can you pay a draft for $1.000.000. on you as Assistant Treasurer, and thus relieve the Mint of ſo much of its indebtedneſs?

I have to request of you the favor to ſend me in your next remittance of gold coins, from $10.000 to $30.000. in three dollar pieces, if you can make it convenient to do so, as they are wanted here.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

John J Cisco

Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq

Treasr of U S Mint, Phila

P.S. Your telegraphic despatch has just been recd.

Treasury Department
Dec 30 1854

Sir

The balance of public moneys in your hands, as well as in those of the Assistant Treasr at New York, has fallen so low, as to make it very desirable to transfer to you both, a portion of the large amount in the hands of the Assistant Treasurer at Boston. I will thank you to cause particular inquiries to be made and to inform me if deposites can be obtained in Phila at par for drafts on Boston, and if they can, in what sums the drafts should be drawn. I am very resp.

P. G. Washington
for the Sec Treasy

Davd Sturgeon Esqr
Asst Treas. Phila

Deposits of Gold Bullion.

Assay Number.	Gross Weight. Oz.	Gross Weight. Dec.	Proportion of Gold. 1000ths.	Assa Slips	Total diff		Standard Weight. Oz.	Standard Weight. Dec.	Value of Gold. Dollars.	Value of Gold. Cents.	Proportion of Silver. 1000ths.	Silver Parted. Standard Weight oz.	Silver Parted. Standard Weight dec.	Silver Parted. Value. $ c	Charges on the Deposit. Parting. $ c	Coinage. $ c	Bars. $ c	Total. $ c	Net Value of Deposit. Dollars.	Net Value of Deposit. Cents.	Premium on Silver. Per Cent. $ c	Depositors' Names.	Box ~~Receipt~~ Number.	Date.	Mode of Payment. In Gold Coins. $ c	In Bars. $ c	Total. $ c.
494	27	50	884	.20	.09	[illegible]	27	011	grm 7	38 37													9				
504	609	45	872½	.17	.41		590	828	9	45	122	76	65										13				
7	242	33	903	.14	.14	[illegible]	243	138	2	29	92	22	32										"				
510	174	13	893	.11	.11	[illegible]	172	776	4	10	102	18	00										"				
1	119	16	852½	.15	.12	[illegible]	112	871	9	17	142	17	66										"				
2	115	28	936½	.20	.19	[illegible]	119	955	5	28	.	–											"				
3	114	71	899	.20	.19	[illegible]	114	584	4	71	96	11	08										"				
6	583	97	887½	.24	.47		575	859	3	97	107	63	62										"				
7	576	32	911½	.17	.41	[illegible]	583	684	6	29	83	47	26										"				
8	1215	24	891	.24	.73	[illegible]	1203	088	5	15	104	128	27										8				
9	1213	13	890	.19	.60	[illegible]	1199	651	12	86	105	129	42										"				
520	1171	26	884	.25	.73		1150	438	1	22	111	132	83										9				
1	1208	05	880½	.26	.74	[illegible]	1181	876	8	00	124	141	08										"				
2	628	70	896	.21	.46	[illegible]	625	906	8	70	99	62	84										14				
3	802	96	870	.22	.54	[illegible]	776	195	2	84	125	103	68										"				
4	1197	90	875	.20	.69		1164	625	7	80	120	147	96										10				
5	1217	69	858	.20	.69	[illegible]	1160	~~8~~64	7	52	137	173	64										"				
6	1219	71	870	.26	.66	[illegible]	1179	053	9	58	125	157	50										11				
7	1209	52	873	.28	.67	[illegible]	1173	234	9	63	122	152	11										"				
8	1218	32	871½	.13	.82	[illegible]	1179	740	8	24	123	154	59										12				
9	1239	63	873	.17	.67	[illegible]	1202	441	9	54	122	155	89										"				
530	971	81	880	.18	.50	[illegible]	950	214	1	70	115	114	58										14				
1	487	16	877½	.17	.57	[illegible]	474	981	7	14	117	58	53										"				
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Recd 16 Dec/54

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5	106420	889½	.24	.67	1051784	4 00	105	11353	16
6	106731	852	.14	.57	1010386	7 29	143	15938	″
7	121725	849½	.19	.69	1148949	7 10	145	18451	17
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All grains in Box No. 17.
do " " " 6. (sent yesterday.)

16.

Deposits of Gold Bullion.

Assay Number.	Gross Weight. Oz.	Dec.	Proportion of Gold. 1000ths.			Standard Weight. Oz.	Dec.	Value of Gold. Dollars.	Cents.	Proportion of Silver. 1000ths.	Silver Parted. N. B.—1-99th of the Std. Wt. of Gold is the Std. Weight of Silver left for alloy. Standard Weight. oz.	dec.	Value. $	c	Charges on the Deposit. Parting. $	c	Coinage. $	c	Bars. $	c	Total. $	c	Net Value of Deposit. Dollars.	Cents.	Premium on Silver. 5¼ Per Cent. $	c	Depositors' Names.	Receipt Number. Box No.	Date.	Mode of Payment. In Gold Coins. $	c	In Bars. $	c	Total. $	c
666	11	93	885	.12 .12		117	31																					1							
670	226	12	892½	.24 .28	25.124	2242	36			100	22	86																″							
1	34	36	873½	.19 .21	3.818	333	48																					″							
5	1157	20	891	.13 .59	128.577	11456	28			104	122	15																″							
6	973	47	888	.19 .58	108.161	9604	90			107	106	03																″							
7	971	17	885½	.16 .55	107.505	9555	23			109	107	97																2							
8	1070	13	885	.17 .60	118.903	10522	94			110	120	16																″							
9	1167	70	883	.22 .68	129.744	11456	44			112	133	74																3							
680	922	23	876½	.21 .58	102.470	8981	49			118	111	84																2							
1	1111	87	895	.23+77	122.541	11056	93			100	112	37																3							
2	115	21	879	.17 .22	12.801	1125	22			116	13	71																1							
3	1216	63	879	.22 .70	135.181	11882	42			116	144	81																4							
4	1220	80	892	.20 .69	135.644	12099	49			103	127	49																″							
5	1226	02	885	.17 .66	136.224	12055	86			110	137	67																5							
6	1304	10	852	.21 .38	144.9	12345	48			143	194	74																″							
7	1240	15	848	.18 .18	137.794	11684	97			147	190	76																6							
8	1272	96	839	.37 .37	141.441	11866	82			156	208	67																″							
9	1270	99	890½	.32 .32	141.221	12575	74			104	134	17																7							
690	1467	35	878	.26 .09	163.039	14314	81			117	176	30																″							
1	1475	09	878½	.23 .23	163.899	14398	52			116	175	58																8							
5	606	23	877½	.24 .51	72.810	5910	74			117	72	84																″							
703	374	35	910½	.36 .21	41.594	3787	17			84	31	12																″							
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5	6156 540½	.16 .16	36970		295	1980			3
6	14141 842½	.27 .33	132376		152	2255			"
7	2411 856	.22 .23	22932						"
8	6082 893½	.26 .28	60381						"
756	5134 874½	.18 .20	49885						"
7	3931 877	.23 .24	38305						1
8	4547 902½	.23 .25	45596						"
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Notes on a/cs of 4th Quar 1854

In remodeling our accts upon the new forms sent us last Spring a number of small inaccuracies were discovered and rectified and as our books now stand, they conform to the exact state of things existing here at the close of each quarter. It appears however that in the accounts prepared by you, some important changes have been made, but in order to show in what particulars we differ it has been thought best to send you an exact transcript from our books.

The most important discrepancy between us is in the Gold Coinage a/c. Our balance covers the $2001. of small Silver Coin, as it was sent us to be used as change in the payment of gold deposits we transferred it to gold Coinage a/c and it is consequently included in the mixed balance of $29,867.28 which was the exact amt on hand by Coinr on the 30th Sept 1854.

Your statement of Profit & Loss a/c differs also from ours. It appears that in the 3rd Quar you credited that a/c by $16.90 the diff between the stamped & real value of Unparted Bars for that Quar. Here, we do not attempt to adjust these differences, until the close of the succeeding Quarter, when the reserved chips are coined; as we cannot tell until then, what is really realized upon them. From our statement of this acct it appears that it should be charged with $257.68 instead of being credited by $16.90.

The warrants which you received with the a/cs of the 3rd Quar '54, drawn in favor of the Treasurer of the Branch Mint were paid at the time the transfers took place, by which they were covered. Under your former instructions the Treasurer was directed to receipt these warrants as if they were paid & leave the Amount in the bullion fund, this of course operated as a charge to that fund, and it was only discharged of the Amt ~~when~~ by a transfer warrant. Both of these operations are now performed simultaneously, but as we had before pursued a different course, the endorsements were made by way of explanation, which however it seems you did not understand—

The list Unpd Warrants of the 4th Quarter which was sent you is Correct, with the exception of No. 4858. 9.060 amounting to $2292.70 which should be added—

The list of Warrants of the 3rd Quar 54 remaining unpd at close of 4th Quar. as prepared by you is correct with the exception of No 2961. which should be $248.12. instead of $288.12 as stated by you—

Racine County Bank.

Racine, Wis. December 30 1854

James Roſs Snowden Esq
Director &c

I enclose my Dft on N. York for —— $1000—

Please return me by express

In three cent pieces	say about		60—
Five	"	"	100—
Ten	"	"	140—
twenty five	"	"	700—

Very Resp

Geo C Northrop
Cas

December 30th 4.

Sir:

I enclose herein the usual statement exhibiting the Deposits made and Coinage executed at the Mint during the month ending with today.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant:
James Ross Snowden:
Director:

Hon: James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Philadelphia, December 30, 1854
(signed)
James Ross Snowden,
Director. U.S. Mint.

Statement of Deposits and Coinage

At the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia,

During the Month of December 1854

Gold Bullion Deposited.

	Value.
From California,	$ 4,851,000.
Other sources,	$ 5,000.
Total Gold Deposits,	$ 4,856,000.

Silver Bullion Deposited,

Including Silver Purchases,	$ 250,600.
Total Gold and Silver Deposits,	$ 5,106,600.

Coinage Executed.

GOLD.

Denomination.	No. of Pieces.	Value.
Double Eagles,	100,654	$ 2,013,080.
Eagles,	——	
Half Eagles,	——	
Quarter Eagles.	30,232	75,580.
3 Dollars,	——	69,633.
1 "	69,633	
Total,	200.519	$ 2,158,293.

SILVER.

Dollars,		
Half Dollars,	162 000 ~~42.500~~	87,000.
Quarter Dollars,	1,208.000	302,000.
Dimes,	70,000	7,000.
Half Dimes,	300.000	15,000.
Three Cent Pieces,	171.000.	5,130.
Total,	1,789.500 1,722.500 1912.000	$ 410,130.

COPPER.

Cents,	——	$ ——
Half Cents,	——	——
Total,	——	$ ——

RECAPITULATION.

Gold Coinage,	200.519	$ 2,158,293.
Silver "	1912.000.	410,130.
Copper, "	——	

Total No. of pieces, 2442.519 / 2,112.519 Total value, $ 2,568,423.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, December 30, 1854

(Signed)

James Ross Snowden,

Director. U.S. Mint.

December 30th, 4.

Sir:

The monthly examination required by the Regulations for the government of the Mint, exhibits a balance in hands of the Treasurer of the Mint at the close of this day's business, of $628,283.58/100, as follows:

Gold; $43,404.94

Silver; 584,808.30

Ordinary Fund 7o. 31 - $628,283.58/100, agreeing with the balances stated upon the books of the institution.

The balance, by count, at the same time, in the hands of the Asst: Trear U. S. was found to be correctly stated on that Officer's Books of Acc. as $373,880.96/100 in Gold and Silver Coins

An examination into the condition of the Mint, generally, gave satisfactory evidence of the fidelity of each department and exhibited care in the custody and protection of the precious metals, and attention to the interests alike of the public & government. I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful Servant:

James Ross Snowden.

Director.

Hon: James Guthrie,

Secy of Treasury,

Washington City.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, December 30, 1854.

Monthly Count:

Treasury of the Mint U.S.

Fine Gold Bars.

$1749.69
1847.20
2041.21
1919.93
1189.19
1232.02
1259.48
317.44
373.83
358.48
322.77
368.50
365.22

$13344.94 in Vault No: 3

Counter BOX, Gold Coins
$15,873.
Vault: 1. 14,000. " "
" 3. 13,344.94 " Bars
Receipt for 187 00 Sweep Exps:
Total $43,404.94 in Gold

In Counter BOX $202.33
" small Bag 176. SILVER DOLLARS
" 51 Pans: 5,100.
" Vault No: 3. 126,830.
" " 10. 452,500.

TOTAL $584808.33 in Silver coins

Ordinary Fund. Total $70.31

Recapitulation.

In Gold, $43,404.94
" Silver, 584,808.33
Ordin.y Fund, 70.31

TOTAL $628,283.58

Balance on hand per "Blotter": $628,283.58, as found above.

Asst. Treas.y U.S. at Philadelphia:

Balance per Books of Afs. $373,880.96 – found accurate by count.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

December 28th 1854.

Sir

I have recd the $150.000. transmitted by you for the "Adams Expreſs Co" as stated in yours of the 27th inst. as also Aſsay Memo. contd. therein.

I regret to learn that you are not able to send me any Coins to day. You will perceive from my letter of yesterday, that I still require about $. 350.000. to enable me to pay for all the deposits of the present arrival; I anticipate they will be Aſsayed & calculated by tomorrow, or at the latest on Saturday, so that I have to request that you will send me that amount tomorrow, so that I may have it on the 30th inst. I do not feel satisfied to exchange fine gold bars at the termination of the quarter for Coins in my hands as Aſsistant Treasurer, for reasons which as Aſst. Treasr. you must fully appreciate; as it is neceſsary that the moneys belonging to each fund should be in tact.

What is the prospect of my recd from you in addition to the $.350.000. now asked, the one million of dollars to pay for deposits, by next

Steamer, which in all probability will be wanted by Tuesday next?

The Superintendent has under consideration the Director's letter in which he invites suggestions relative to the mode of regulating the A/cs between us, to which a reply will be forwarded in a few days submitting our views.

It will be a convenience to my Clerks in examining your statements, if you will please to have the total footings of each Column expressed therein.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U S Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
Comptrollers office.
Dec. 29th 1854

Danl Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir.

Your account of Gold and Silver Bullion, for the quarter ending 30th June 1854, has been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance of $8 010.376 $\frac{53}{100}$ found to be due from you to the United States, which consist as follows.

Gold Bullion	Ozs. 202.948.576. ✓	$ 3.776.158.16 ✓
Silver Bullion	Ozs. 400.751.270	$ 524.511.13 ✓
Gold Coinage including assay coins	72.65	2.090.273.09 ✓
Silver Coinage	$ 259.51	1.619.434.15 ✓
Balance as above		$ 8.010.376.53

O.K.

J.C.S.
Dec: 30/54

Most Respectfully,
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller.

Com'l. Bank.
Salem, Mass. Dec. 29' 1854

To

John B. Snowden Esq
Director

Sir

Will you be kind enough to inform me, by return of mail, what is the value at the Mint, including premium, of the Austrian Rix Dollars marked in Eckfeldt & Du Bois' Manual of 1842, at 96 & 97 cents?, and you will oblige

Yours Respectfully

Edward H. Payson
Cash.

Sept: 28th, 4.

Sir:

I would again call your attention to the bill of Moore & Phillips, which, together with Bill of lading for articles furnished, was forwarded to you on the 14th: ult. These gentlemen are extremely anxious for the money and I would be glad if you could make arrangements to pay them without further delay. They will call again with reference to the matter on Saturday next.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours, &c:,
James Ross Snowden
Director:

S. H. Butterworth, Esq.,
Supt: U. S. Assay Office:

December 27th, H.

Messrs. S. Pedrajas & Co:–
New York;
Gentlemen:

Your letter of 26th: inst: has been received. In reply I would state that Doubloons are worth from $15.52 to $15.60 each, dependent upon the mint from which they issued. Of course, from this value, the mint charge of ½ p.c. for coinage must be deducted, in the computation of the net yield of a deposit of them here.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours, &c:

James Ross Snowden
Director:

Beloit, Wis' Dec 28/54

Dr Sir

Will you be so good as to inform me in what manner and on what terms the U S Mint distribute the copper coin & three cent pieces. How small amount of cents is put up on orders. The cost of transportation &c &c

I remain yours &c
William Quinby

Mr. P.
Furnish notes to enable me to answer.
C.

Mint of the United States

December 27th: 54

Sir:

In complying with the suggestions of the first Auditor relative to the modifications desired by him in the reports of the Assayer, it is the practice at the Mint to fill in the standard weight - and the value of the gold from the calculation sheet - adding thereto the weight, value and premium of Silver parted and deducting the aggregate amount of the charges on the deposit - so as to exhibit upon the face of the report, the net value of the deposit assayed.

I am in receipt of your note of Dec: 26, transmitting statement of the Operations of your Office for week ending 23 inst.

I am, very respecty. &c,
Yours, &c:,
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

Sam: F. Butterworth, Esq:,
Supt: U.S. Assay Office.

December 29th, 4.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 28th: inst: I have to state, that the suggestion made by the 1st: Auditor relative to the additional entries on the Assayer's Reports, although securing, in my opinion, no greater accuracy in the accounts, and apparently of no value whatever — being merely a copy of the calculations on the Sheet — has been acceded to as, in the judgment of the Auditor, likely "to afford increased "facilities" in the settlement of the Bullion accounts. What "increased facilities" the new method may give, I am not advised. The form used at the Mint, which is, as already indicated, — simply a copy of the details from the "calculation sheet" — is as follows:

" Standard Weight: Ozs: 23.616 — $439.37
Silver P. Ozs: 15.01 17.46
Premium thereon 92 — $457.75 Gross.
Deductions 3.40
Net Value: $454.35

This form, it is proper to remark, has not yet been examined by the Auditor.

I would call your early attention to the bill of Margaret Thompson for "five millions" and to the four bills of W. A. Schively — forwarded on the 18th: inst: — as also to such others as are payable here. Very respectfully, Yours &c:

James Roſs Snowden.
Director:

J. D. Butterworth, Esq:, Supt:

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

December 27th 1854

Sir

I have recd pr the "Adams Express Co" $350.000. in gold coins, in part payment of the deposits from this Office, and $50.000. in Silver Coins in payment of draft in my favor as Asst Treasr.

I was desirous of having my a/cs with the Mint closed at the end of the year, and on that account determined not to send you any more bullion this week, so as to confine the settlement to the amount of bullion now in your hands, and thus accomplish this object more easily.

As however I learn from you that you will not be provided with Coins sufficient to settle in full, I will be obliged to you if you will make as large a remittance in coins as possible during this week.

The amount at present in my possession, falls short about 1/2 Million of dollars of meeting the demands that will be made by depositors of the bullion recd yesterday, and another Steamer may be expected at the end of this week with about a Million more.

I am gratified that you purpose furnishing

11 melts deld. 28th $275,000 A 3⅔ clips returned } say Friday melted Satʸ
5 ready 125,000 B 1⅔ "
10 for 29th 250,000 C 3⅓ " Satʸ melted Monday
13 for 30th includes clips A & B 325,000 delivered Monday D 4⅓
15 3 days with clips C & D 375,000 5.

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me this week the Mint Assays for the remainder of the unparted bullion sent you; and if you can make it convenient to settle in full for a specific number of deposits, I will be obliged to you for doing so.

Please take into the account the certificates for Silver Coins paid by you, and return the certifs to me cancelled.

I will thank you also to state the a/c thus far between us, so that I may receive it on the 29th inst.

Mr Canby and the maker of the Balances, are now here, testing their accuracy.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Sert.
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas. U S Mint
Philadelphia

Paris, December 27th 1854.

To the Gentleman Director of the Mint Office,
Philadelphia.

Sir,

We were told by many parties that there was a plenty of minerals resulting from your refining Californian Gold and holding a notable Quantity of Platina Ore, which parcels remained still unemployed in your Office.

If such be the case, we should be very glad to get some Connections with you directly.

Consequently be good enough to forward to us a sufficient Sample of the Different Sorts of minerals or powder by way of Mrs. Livingston Wells & Co. Shiping Agents in New York, which Parcel then comes to us without any other Interferend.

Please at the same time to inform us with a few Lines respecting the Quantity to be disposed of immediately. As Platina Refiners and Vessels Manufacturers, we will not lose the Occasion of offering you our Services in this matter.

Hoping for further business We remain Gentleman,
Your most obedient Servants
Desmoutis Chapuis et Co.

56. Rue Montmartre.

December 27th. 4.

Sir:

I send herewith, by the hands of Capt. Alexander, a sample of the roof of the Charlotte branch mint. It presents an occular demonstration of the necessity of the repairs which I recommended to the favorable consideration of the Department in my letter of the 10th. inst.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant:

Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

December 26th 1854

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23d inst enclosing Aſsay memorandum for unparted bullion transmitted to you on the 16th inst.

In reply to your suggestions as to allowing "large amounts of bullion to accumulate before forwarding", they shall be attended to as far as poſsible.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

PEDRAJAS & CO
WILLIAM ST
NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 26th, 1854

To
The Superintendent
of the U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia,

Dear Sir:

We take the liberty to enquire what Me- -can and Spanish Doubloons are worth at the Mint, and if you can convert them into U.S. Coin?
Your early reply is respectfully solicited.

Your obedient servants,

Pedrajas & Co.
5 William St.

P.S.

Parties who have large amounts of this description of coin, and who cannot use it here without a great sacrifice, have requested us to make the enquiry, and as we are not familiar with the custom and regulation of the mint, we have thought it best to apply for the desired information, to Head Quarters.

P & Co

U. S. Assay Office,
New York, Dec 26 1854

Sir

You will oblige me if you will send me a copy of the form adopted by you to carry out "Mr Auditor Smith's suggestions".

Yours Respy
Sam F. Butterworth
Supt.

Hon.
James Roſs Snowden
Director

U. S. Assay Office,
New York, Dec. 26, 1854.

Sir,

I transmit, herewith, a statement of the business of this Office for the week ending on Saturday 23d inst.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.
Sam F. Butterworth
Supt.

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Saml. F. Butterworth Esq Dec. 26th
Supt. Assay Office,

Dear Sir

The coincidence between the weighings at the Mint & Assay Office not being entirely satisfactory, I have thought it proper to send over Mr. Canby, the foreman of the Machine Shop here who has charge of our balances, for the purpose of making an examination.

I may mention that the result of the weighings of the bars sent here is as follows

46,922.93 N. York
46,917.48 Phila
oz. 5.45 loss = about $101.43

As the value is about one million, the difference is not very great. but we must endeavour to have greater accuracy. Mr. Canby will hand you this note. You will please afford him such facilities as he may require to make the examination.

Yours very truly &c. &c.
James Ross Snowden

3,123
9
2,223

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

December 23d 1854

Sir

I have recd yours of the 22nd inst, enclosing Assay Memorandum for Unparted bullion, transmitted to you on the 15th inst. I have also to acknowledge the receipt of $ 350.000. in gold coins this morning, pr the "Adams Express Co".

The amount now due me, is about $2.000.000. exclusive of the $. 1.500.000. placed to the Credit of the U.S. Bullion a/c at the Mint upon Transfer drafts.

As I am very desirous of having the acc'ts between the Mint and this Office (an anxiety which I have no doubt you fully share with me) before the close of the year, I will be much obliged to you, if you can forward returns for the entire amount of unparted bullion now in your hands, before that period. I shall not transmit any more bullion to you until the commencement of the New Year; so as not to embarrass the closing our acc'ts at this point.

The Department purpose transfering to this office $ 1.500.000. above refer'd to upon drafts, and unless it will be convenient to you to pay this amount next week, in addition to the $2.000.000. above named, such transfer will not be asked by our Superintendent until week after next.

The question propounded in yours of the 21st inst. Viz. "By way of testing" &c I failed to answer yesterday, in the hurry of business.

It is my opinion that the Department could not hold either of us responsible for a loss occurring in the discharge of the proper duties belonging to the business of returning Coin to this Office, for the bullion transmitted by me pursuant to instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury, when employing in its transmission the "Adams Express Co", whom they have chosen as Carriers of the precious metals belonging to the Government. But if I had a doubt on the subject, were I in your place, I would respectfully suggest, I should ask for special authority from the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt.
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Taunton Dec 26. 1853

Dan^l. Sturgeon Esq.
Treas^r. U.S. Mint

Sir.

We have rec^d. your esteemed favor of the 22^nd inst. - with Check on New York, for Twelve hundred dollars ($1.200) on acct. of planchets.

It is our purpose to prepare some planchets. (a moderate quantity) to have in readiness to forward when they may be wanted —

Yours.
Very Respectfully
Crocker Bro^s. & Co. -

Treasury Department
Decr. 22. 1854.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st. inst. and also of that of the 11th. inst. covering the proposed "Regulations respecting the transfer of bullion and" "coins between the Assay office at N. York and the" "Mint of the U States at Philadelphia"

I beg leave to suggest whether the course proposed by you viz. that the bullion received at the Mint shall be receipted for in the name of the Treasurer and collected by him on the usual warrant of the Director — should not be extended to the Assay office — and the amount of Coins received there be accounted for in the same manner.

If this be done and Duplicates of the Warrants thus issued by the Director & Superintendent respectively be sent to the Department — And the Treasurers of the Mint and Assay Office append to their weekly statement of the Treasurer's general account a statement shewing the condition of their bullion funds

funds the Department will always understand the condition of those funds without further reference to the Mint or Assay office.

If these suggestions meet your views be pleased to give the necessary instructions to have them carried out and, so that each of the Regulations submitted by you may be considered as approved. as is also, the course pursued by you in the transfer of the Coins to the Assay office and referred to in your last communication.

I am very Resp.

James Guthrie

Sec of the Treasury.

Jas R Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

U. S. Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New-York, Decem 22. 1854

Sir

I am in receipt of your letters of the 20th & 21st insts, the former containing Assay Memorandum of bullion forwarded on the 14th inst. I have also to acknowledge the oversight in your memo. of the 9th inst. the Net Value being as stated by you $ 778.548.97

In regard to your remarks as to the mode of transmitting bullion between the two Offices, I can only say instructions were recd from the Secretary, at my request and I presume a like request from yourself, would meet with immediate attention.

I have also recd. per the "Adams Express Co" Two hundred & fifty thousand dollars in Gold Coins, & placed the Amount to your Credit.

As per receipt of statement enclosed, I have this day forwarded per "Adams Express Co" Eighteen boxes, Contg unparted gold bullion, weighing 46.922.93 ozs gross, Net Value Eight hundred & fifty seven thousand, eight hundred & fifty six 71/100 dollars, and one box of Silver bullion weighing 1908.90 ozs gross, Net Value Two thousand, two hundred & Ninety 47/100 dollars, total Value $ 860.147.18

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U S Mint
Philadelphia

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 15. Received of the Treasurer of the United States Assay Office, New York.

Eighteen Boxes containing Unparted Bars Gold Bullion,

One " " " " Silver "

~~Parcel~~ "

Amounting in Net value to $ 860.147.18

Eight hundred & Sixty thousand, One hundred & forty seven 18/100 Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Decem 22nd 1854

John Hoey
for the
Adams Express Co

No. 4945 = g. 233.44

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

December 20th 1854

Sir

Your letter of yesterday containing Assay memorandum of bullion forwarded on the 8th inst is recd and I have to call your attention to No. 448. upon which the fineness is reported 874. and the Standd weight given as 1182.091 indicating the calculation to have been based upon 874½. Also to the deductions, as stated by you to be $6.044.74 which you will please compare with the following memo.

Value of Gold stated by you . . .		$778.588.17
" " Silver " " "		5.724.98
		784.313.15
Parting Charge 5¢ pr oz. on 42.698.55 =	$2.134.93 2.123.20	
Coinage " ½% on 784.313.15 =	3.921.57 = 3.921.54	6.056.50
	6.044.74	778.256.65
5¼% Prem. on Silver . .		300.56
Net Value .		$. 778.557.21

by which you will perceive the net value should be $778.557.21 instead of $778.568.97 as expressed in your Statement. Diff. 11.76

over

I will thank you to furnish me hereafter with the Aſsay numbers, as it will greatly facilitate the examination.

I propose to forward in a few days the gold rec^d by the last ſteamer; and will thank you to forward Aſsay memorandums for the amount now in your hands, as also for all you may receive, at your earliest convenience; I should like to receive them early in the week, in order to understand the exact ſtate of accounts between us, and have them properly closed before the end of the year.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas^r U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Decr: 22, 1854.

Charles Bienvenu, Esq:
Supt. Branch Mint
New Orleans.

Purchase Silver at the rate of One hundred and twenty two and a half cents per ounce standard fineness

James Ross Snowden
Director.

U. S. Assay Office,
New York, Dec. 20, 1854.

Sir,

I have your letter of the 19th, and am sorry that your ingenious hypothesis will not explain the defect in the Cal. Br. Mint bars. You will have discovered, from my letter of yesterday, that the weight 53.47 oz. requires a fineness of 935 th to give $1033.46. A calculation of the other values shows that the error has been committed at San Francisco.

I would suggest the propriety of taking assay slips from a number of these bars before melting here.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.
S. F. Butterworth, Supt.
by Geo. F. Dunning.

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

U. S. Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New-York, Decem 20 1854

Sir

In my letter to you of the 19th inst, I stated that I would reply to your letter of the 18th inst to day.

Having carefully reviewed the grounds upon which my views were formed as expressed in mine of the 16th inst. I cannot perceive that your explanations are such as to change them.

If I correctly understand your position, it is that in as much as the Bullion Fund of the Mint has been Credited $1.500.000, upon Treasury drafts, you are not at liberty to take it therefrom, except by authority of the Sec. of the Treasury.

The Sec. of the Treasury, as you are aware, did issue Transfer drafts upon you, in my favor, for $1.000.000. payable in gold coins, but you signified that it was not in your power to pay them by requesting him to make these drafts payable at the Asst Treasury here. I regard the arrangement that followed as merely a temporary one, for the purpose of relieving the Mint, its effect being at the time to leave this amount to the Credit of your Bullion Fund as you have stated, to be drawn out hereafter, Since that Time, however, I have forwarded other unparted bullion, for which I have asked payment in Coins, and I do not understand why the expectation on your part of transfer drafts to be issued by the Sec. of the Treasury in your favor for all this bullion, and thus placing it to the credit of your Bullion Fund beyond my reach except upon my claiming it upon counter drafts, should embarrass in forwarding the Coins to me as fast as the net value is ascertained.

It cannot be supposed for a moment, that it can be the intention of the Secretary to leave, all the bullion sent over from this Office, in the Mint to swell the Bullion Fund, and leave me unprovided with Coins to pay depositors.

Whatever payments you may make for the unparted bullion I send you, entitles you to full credit therefor in your accts, just as much so in the case of deposits coming from this Office as of those recd from other depositors. And the conjecture that the Secretary of the Treasury may issue drafts in my favor for the same thing, does not, it seems to me alter the character of the payment, but only the entry to be made on the Mint books in relation thereto.

The first notice I recd of a draft having been issued upon me for $500.000. payable in unparted bullion, greatly surprised me. This was the commencement of the draft system, and did not certainly originate in this Office

It is simply for the purpose of having the business between this Office and the Mint clearly defined, that I have submitted these views for your consideration, and I shall be happy if they have the effect of relieving your mind in relation to the difficulty you have apprehended in sending me Coins for the bullion transmitted to the Mint in pursuance of instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Sevt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U S Mint
Philadelphia

Taunton Dec 20. 1857 —

Dan^l. Sturgeon Esq.
Treas^r. U. S. Mint.

Sir.

We notice by the Newspapers, that it is proposed to issue a new Coin from the Mint —

In reference to continuing to make planchets, as heretofore, we write to inquire whether it is in contemplation to discontinue the coinage of the present cent — and should like to hear from you on the subject, at your convenience —

It would be a great accommodation to us, at this time, if you could remit us drafts, for amount of our two invoices of planchets, unsettled — viz.

29th Sept. . .	$2.688	
7th Oct^r. —	1.920	$4.608

We remain

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Serv^ts.

Crocker Bro^s. & Co.

Mint of the United States
Philada. 19 Dec. 1854.

Sir,

On a further consideration of the defect in the average fineness of the California Bars, to which your letter of the 16th. calls my attention, I find that had the stamped fineness of the bar weighing 53^{47} ozs been .835 instead of .935, the average of the whole should have been .869$\frac{6}{10}$, or in correspondence with that determined by your assay. May not the wrong finenesses have been copied from the bar, by a clerical error?

very respectfully yours

James Ross Snowden
Director

Saml. F. Butterworth, Esq.
Superintendent of
the Assay Office, U.S.
New York.

U. S. Assay Office,
New York, Dec. 19, 1854.

Sir,

The sum of $17.50, remitted through the Director, was for the payment of a bill sent to us by him, of which the following is a copy:

"U.S. Assay Office N.Y.
To U.S. Mint Dr.
1854, Sept. 14,
For 35 lbs. Copper Bars @ 50c $17.50
Rec'd payt.
(Signed) Dan'l Sturgeon, Tr.
Correct.
(Signed) J. C. Booth, M. & R."

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Serv't.,
S. F. Butterworth, Supt.
by Geo. F. Dunning

Hon. D. Sturgeon
Treas. U.S. Mint

U. S. Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New-York, ______ 185

December 19. 1854

Sir

I herewith enclose recp^t. & my statement of three boxes & one bag, containing gold bullion in unparted bars, weighing groſs 14.220.09 Ozs. amounting in Net Value to Two hundred & Sixty one eight hundred & thirty six 43/100 th dollars, for which as heretofore, I have to request that you will forward me Gold Coins, so soon as the Net Value thereof shall have been ascertained by you.

As regards the deficiency in weight, noticed in yours of the 16th inst, I am entirely unable to account for it; the actual weight is expreſsed in the first Column; the ſmall figures in subsidiary Column, having no reference thereto, as probably explained to you by Mr De Forrest.

Your letter of the 18th is rec^d, and will be replied to tomorrow.

I have not yet rec^d Aſsay memorandums of bullion forwarded on the 8th 14th & 15th inst.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas^r U S Mint
Philadelphia

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J. Cisco
Treasurer

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 14. Received of the Treasurer of the United States Assay Office, New York.

Three Boxes containing } Unparted bars Gold Bullion,
and
One Bag " } Silver "
Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to $ 261,836.43

Two Hundred & Sixty One Thousand &
Eight hundred & thirty Six 43/100 dolls

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

Adams & Co.

New York, Decem 19 1854

Jno. J. K. Stevenson

United States Assay Office.
New York, Dec. 18, 1854.

Sir,

I enclose herewith a statement of the business of this Office for the week just closed.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.,
Saml. F. Butterworth
Supt.

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint,
Philada.

Examiner should advise branch interest on demand or time loans should be collected at least every six months; and that mere payment of interest is not considered a renewal of the formal extension agreement is signed by all parties or the laws of the State provide otherwise. A new note, if practicable, at each maturity date is preferable.

* Include in "bad debts" only those bonds which have reached actual maturity dates, and otherwise come within the definition of a statutory bad debt.

SLOW AND DOUBTFUL PAPER AND LOSSES ON LOANS

**List here all paper, including overdue paper, called for by this schedule. State briefly in each case the reason for the classification, and such furt
ment as may be deemed appropriate. Give maturity dates of "bad debts" and other overdue paper subject to classification.**

Amount	Maker, indorser, and security	Overdue			Slow	Doubtful	L
		Due date	Class "A"	Class "B"			
	TOTAL,						

Use Form 1425-R for continuation of list.

December 18, 4.

Sir,

I sent to you this morning a telegraph, in which I suggested that means should be taken to increase the amount of coin in the Assay Office, either by authorising the Assistant Treasurer to exchange Coin for bars, or to advance coin in anticipation of drafts to be issued by the Department.

In explanation of this request, I have to state that in consequence of the turn in the rate of foreign exchange the interest of depositors has led them to demand their payment, at the Assay Office, entirely in coin. But the fund provided in the Office, for these payments, was principally fine bars, which thus became a useless stock. In the emergency, $519,247 of these bars were sent to this Mint, and converted or exchanged for coin. We have also sent to the Assay Office, in addition $500.000 on a draft from the Department. One million, in coin, was also transferred by your authority from the Assistant Treasury at New York, making a total aggregate of coin, made available for the payment of the Assay Office, of $2.019.247, in addition to what had been already on hand. But, in consequence of the very heavy arrivals from California lately received, and in quick succession, this amount will prove insufficient, and I am led to believe that a prompt and considerable increase of coin becomes necessary in order to pay off their deposits.

The Superintendent & Treasurer seem to have relied on receiving a sufficient supply of Coin from this Mint, in payment for the unparted bullion which has lately been sent over to us on instructions from the Department. But the greater part of our available means, in gold coin, has already been exhausted by the payment of one a million, as above explained, and our only resource for further payments is from the manufacture of the bullion sent over to us. This is proceeding with all possible haste, but even with the most exemplary conduct on the part of the operative Officers much time must elapse before crude bullion can be converted into standard coin, and I cannot promise myself that the wants of the Assay-Office can be fully supplied from this Mint before the close of this week. Some $800,000 will probably be sent over this afternoon, but several days must elapse before any further addition will be possible.

But as I am given to understand that the Assay Office has still on hand some 7 or 800,000 dollars in fine stamped bars, it seems to me that it would be proper, as a temporary arrangement, for the Asst. Treas.r at New York to exchange coin for these bars; and when the coin in the Assay Office shall again become plentiful the bars can be redeemed. It was with a view to your authorising such an exchange that I telegraphed to you this morning. And I may remark that it would in my judgment, be proper that such exchanges should be authorised, not merely at this time but at any future time when, by a cessation of demand for bars the stock on hand becomes unavailable for the payment of depositors. In such a case the bars would be preserved from destruction, and the labor bestowed in preparing them not absolutely wasted; whereas under any other arrangement it will become requisite to send the surplus accumulation to the Mint, for melting down and coinage, as has already been the case.

Should you disapprove of an exchange as proposed, the issue of drafts on the Assistant Treasury in favor of the Assay Office will be the only alternative plan.

I take this occasion to renew your attention to the necessity of action, either confirmatory or otherwise, on the plan of transferring bullion & coin between the Mint & Assay Office which I have recommended to you. In proof of this necessity I may state that over 3 millions of unparted bullion have been received by us from the Assay Office, of which one million has been received in payment of a transfer draft. The balance, the Treasurer is at some loss to know whether he should credit it to the Bullion Fund, and hold the same only subject to draft from the Department, or consider the same as an ordinary deposit of which he may collect the amount and return the proceeds to the Assay Office where the bullion still remains chargeable, thus reducing the transaction to one of mere exchange of coin for bullion. The latter course will be adopted, as most convenient in the present emergency, and $300.000 will be sent over to day in conformity therewith; for which and for future remittances your approval is requested.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,

Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washn.

P.S. Since the foregoing letter was prepared I have received your despatch of to-day informing me that you had sent a transfer draft in favor of the Assay Office on the Asst. Treas. at New York for one million of dollars & that the Asst. Treas. there was authorised to exchange fine bars for coin if necessary. As the office will thus be fully supplied we will omit to send the amt. stated in this letter, and await your instructions as to the manner of making returns of coin to New York. I beg to renew my recommendation of the plan suggested in my letter of the 11th inst. Its adoption will relieve the Department from these frequent applications, and facilitate the transfers between the Mint & the Assay Office. J.R.S.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON DEC XVIIITH. I.R.SNOWDEN. DIRECTOR OF MINT. PHILA. YOUR TELEGRAPHIC DESPATCH RECEIVED. A TRANS

VED. A TRANSFER DRAFT WAS SENT YESTERDAY IN FAVOR OF ASSAY OFFICE ON ASST. TREASURER NEW YORK FOR ONE MILLION DOLLARS. ASSISTAN

LION DOLLARS. ASSISTANT TREASURER HAS BEEN TELEGRAPHED TO EXCHANGE COINS FOR FINE BARS SHOULD THAT NOT BE SUFFICIENT. JAS.GUTHRIE

HAS BEEN TELEGRAPHED TO EXCHANGE COINS FOR FINE BARS SHOULD THAT NOT BE SUFFICIENT. JAS.GUTHRIE.SECY.OF TREASURY. .

(Copy.)

Mosul, Mesopotamia, Dec: 18, 1854.

My dear Sir:

I have from some source received the impression that the managers of the Smithsonian Institution desire to form a museum of ancient coins, medals and other relics of the past, and I therefore take the liberty of calling your attention to a very remarkable coin which was found a short time since, with numerous other coins of the Seleucidæ in a jar at Arbeel – the representative of Arbela near which you will remember Darius fled before his conqueror Alexander. It is a gold coin about an inch in diameter, and weighs 425 grs. It is worth, I suppose in metal, about $20. It cannot be bought, however for less than forty or fifty dollars. I have it in my hands for a few months, under a pledge. It bears on one face in very high relief, the beautiful head of Arsinœ, the wife and sister of Ptolemy Philadelphus worshipped after death, according to Lemprière under the name of Venus Zephyritis. Pliny says that Dinochares attempted to build a temple with magnets in which was a statue of Arsinoe suspended by magnetic power, but the death of the architect prevented its completion.

The back of the head is covered with a veil hanging gracefully over the shoulders, and behind the neck is the abbreviation K.

On the obverse is a finely wrought horn of plenty, in a slight concavity, around which is the inscription –

ΑΡΣΙΝΟΗΣ ΦΙΛΑΔΕΛΦΟΥ.

Please inform me as soon as may be, whether the Institution would authorize me to purchase the coin and what limit should be fixed in the purchase. I may add that numerous coins of Alexander the great and his successors, as well as coins of Athens, Rome & Byzanthium, are to be obtained here at somewhere about twice their metallic value. Cufic coins are very numerous and cheap.

Cylinders and seals with Assyrian religious emblems are occasionally offered me by dervishes, and it would give me pleasure to serve the Institute in obtaining some, should they be desired, for its museum.

It is possible an opportunity may occur, ere long, to obtain some sculptured slabs from the Nineveh ruins, and I mention the matter to you that you may inform me whether, in case they are obtainable, you desire any for the Institute.

I have sent some to Amherst College, and my associates have also sent to Yale, Williams and Union.

In haste, but most truly yours,

H. Lobdell.

To Prof. Henry,
Sec. Smithsonian Institute,
Washington

P.S. Please direct your reply to the care of I. M. Gordon, Esq., Treasurer of the Am. B. C. F. Missions 33 Pemberton Square, Boston.

It is due to you that I state, that I am a missionary of that Society.

March 9. 1855

Dear Sir,

I see by the reports of Congress that $300.- has been appropriated for the purchase of coins &c and with the idea that you may wish to avail yourself of the opportunity afforded by the writer of the accompanying letter to increase your valuable collection at the Mint, I enclose his communication to you.

Though the Smithsonian Institution can not purchase articles of this character we should be pleased to see a large collection of them formed somewhere in the United States.

Please return the letter of Mr Lobdell to us after you have perused it, with a reply which will enable us to inform the writer whether you are disposed to authorize him to make any purchases for your establishment.

I am, very respectfully
Your obedt servt
Joseph Henry
Secretary S. I.

Director U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Mint of the United States
March 14. 1855

J. M. Gordon Esq
Treasurer &c.

Sir,

I enclose a draft for 200 dollars, and ask the favor of you to send this amount, at an early day, to Rev. H. Lobdell at Mosul, to purchase certain coins, agreeably to the letter enclosed; which please also to forward to him.

Respectfully yours &c.

James Roſs Snowden,
Director U.S. Mint.

March 12th 5

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of the 9th inst. enclosing Mr Lobdell's letter to you. I will gladly avail myself of the opportunity of purchasing the gold Coin of Arsinoë, which is regarded by numismatics and artists as one of the most beautiful monuments of ancient art; and is a coin of very great rarity.

We are pretty well supplied with Coins of the Syrian, Parthian, Roman and Byzantine monarchies, and have several of the Ptolemies, but some addition to our Cufic or Mahomedan Coin is desirable. I have there fore - I hope with your permission - taken a copy of Mr Lobdell's letter, and will write to him to purchase for us, the Arsinoë Coin and a few others, and will furnish him with means for that purpose.

I return you Mr Lobdell's letter.

Very Respectfully
Your obt servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Prof. Joseph Henry L.L.D.
Secretary Smithsonian Institute
Washington City.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, March 14. 1855.

Rev. Sir,

Your letter of Dec. 18th to Prof. Henry has been referred by that gentleman to me; and I will ask of you the favor to purchase, for the Cabinet of the Mint, the gold Darics, at a price not exceeding 50 dollars. In addition, we would like to have a few good specimens of Cufic or Mohammedan coins, chiefly in silver; having only a Haroun Alraschid and Al Mamoun. A good Judea Capta of Vespasian or Titus would be desirable. We are, in general, sufficiently stocked with Greek, Syrian, Parthian, Bactrian, Egyptian, Roman and Byzantine coins. I send in all 200 dollars, which please use at discretion, compensating yourself for necessary charges and trouble, and you will please render a detailed account, along with the coins.

It would be interesting to us, and to many visitors, to have some accurate idea of the manner in which these old coins are brought to light; for example, by the story of one or more of the "finds." Also, something in regard to the coin market.

Although our appropriation does not authorize the purchase of other classes of antiques, if you could (as you are so near the ruins of Nineveh) add gratuitously a few curiosities from those remains it would afford much gratification, and they would have a permanent & public place in our Cabinet.

Respectfully Yours &c

James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Rev. H. Lobdell
Mosul, Mesopotamia.

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Respectfully Yours &c.
James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Mr. H. Lobdell
Mosul, Mesopotamia.

The gold coin of Arsinoë, is regarded by numismatists & artists as one of the most beautiful monuments of ancient art. As it is of the highest degree of rarity, fifty dollars might safely be given for it.

We are sufficiently stocked with coins of the Syrian, Parthian, Roman and Byzantine monarchies, and have a few of the Ptolemies.— Some addition to our Cufic or Mahomedan coins would be desirable, especially in silver. We have only the caliphs Haroun Alraschid, and Al Mamoun. A fine type of ~~Judea Devicta~~, "Judea Capta", of the Roman Emperor Vespasian, or Titus, would be desirable.

On the whole, we can well spare 100 dollars, or a little more, to be used at Mr. Lobdell's discretion, with the above general directions.

It would be interesting to many of our inquiring visitors, if Mr. Lobdell would state a few instances of the manner in which these coins are discovered, & how they have been so long protected, &c. — also, some statements as to the traffic in such curiosities.

Flint December 17th 1854

Superentendent
U S Mint Phila

Dr Sir

will you please informe me whether you have Receiv through the American Express Company 1 Bag Gold Dust marked Andrew Harrison Flint Genesee Co Michigan Containing 46 oz & 16 Dwts if So please informe me when I can get returns.

& Oblige yours

Andrew Harrison

deposited on
Sep 12th No. 2746
Weight: before melting 46.80 after melting 43.17

~~No 2746~~

Paid Sep. 14th 1854 $827.56
Tol

Copy

To. Hon. Jas Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington

The Assay office requires more coin to meet deposits. I suggest that you telegraph to the Assistant Treasurer, New York, authorising him to exchange, temporarily, coin for fine bars; or to pay say one million in anticipation of drafts to be issued by you. I will write fully by Mail.

James Ross Snowden
Director
Phil 18, Dec, 1854

U. S. Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New-York, ______ 185

December 16th 1854

Sir

The 75.442.64 transmitted by you yesterday, for the A. E. Co has been recd.

I have sent to the Mint to this date inclusive, about $4.000.000. of which 500.000 was to meet a draft for that amount, in your favor, I have received from you in return $1.023.625.63. leaving the amount due to me, about 2.500.000. which is half a million more than the amount of the bullion fund here, exclusive of fine gold bars;

The deposits recd. by the Steamer just arrived amount to nearly $1.000.000. The payment of these deposits will commence on Monday, to meet which I have only $50000. in Coins.

In as much as you did not pay the drafts on you, for $1.000.000. which were directed at your request by the Sec. of the Treasury to be paid by the Apt Treasr of U.S. at N York. the unparted bullion amounting to that sum, sent to you on the 7th & 8th inst. (part of which having been reported by you) entitles me to receive Coins at once in payment of the portion reported, & for the remainder as soon as the net value is ascertained by you; besides these sums, I hope I shall receive payment for the balance then unpaid as rapidly as the net value is ascertained by you: the unparted bullion, having been deposited for coinage according to law.

I do not perceive that my letter of the 14th inst. admits of the construction placed upon it in yours of the 15th, the system of drafts was under consideration by the Sec. of the Treasury, and I informed you that I could not await his reply before receiving the coins from you.

In order to carry out your suggestion in P.S. I deem it neceſsary to have a special fund in my hands as Aſst. Treasurer for the purpose of paying the Certificates referred to.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr. U.S. Mint
Phila

United States Assay Office.
New York, Dec. 16, 1854,

Sir,

A deposit was made at this Office on the 11th inst., by Mess. B. Berend & Co. of this city, consisting of six gold bars bearing the stamp of the California Branch Mint. The following is a list of weights & fineness:

Weight.		Stamped Fineness
44.32	oz.	.873
35.90	"	.862½
39.58	"	.918½
66.79	"	.910½
116.68	"	.846½
53.47	"	.935
356.74		884.6 average

fineness, as calculated by Mr. Mason.

Fineness by assay here .869!

I have deemed it my duty to report this case for your consideration.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Sam F. Butterworth
Supt.

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Mint of the United States
Philada. 18 Dec. 1854

Sir,

Your letter of the 16th, in relation to the extraordinary deficiency in the fineness of the California Bars reported on at your office, demands a prompt investigation. As it is possible that the wrong finenesses were accidentally stamped on the bars, the value being correct, may I ask you to ascertain & report to me, the stamped values. If you have no record of these on your books the information can doubtless be obtained from Berford & Co. The numbering of the bars I should also be pleased to learn.

Very respectfully yours,
James Ross Snowden,
Director

S. T. Butterworth Esq.
Supt. &c.
New York.

929 fine

U. S. Assay Office.
New York, 19 Dec. 1854.

Sir,

I am unable to procure the numbers of the Cal. Br. Mint Bars described in my letter of the 16th. The values are as follows

Weight.	Fineness.	Value.
Oz. 44.32	873	$ 799.81
35.90	862½	640.07
39.58	918½	751.49
66.79	910½	1,257.09
116.68	846½	2,041.74
53.47	935	1,033.46

I have given directions to our Weigh-clerk to take a memorandum of the stamps of any more of these bars that may come in.

Very respectfully,
J. F. Butterworth, Supt.
by Geo. F. Dunning.

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of Mint

(Cold firm)

No. 691
U. S. Branch Mint
1854
San Francisco

929 fine

$2580.44

691 on back

68.30 ozs
880½ fine

$1250.21 Gold
8.57 Silv

U. S. Branch Mint
1854
San Francisco

(in letter)

No. 4390

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

December 16th. 1854

Sir

As per receipt and statement enclosed I have this day forwarded by the "Adams Express Compy" Nine boxes containing gold bullion in unparted bars, weighing 25.922.25 Ozs gross amounting in net Value to Four hundred and Seventy Seven Thousand, four hundred & twenty three 48/100ths dollars, for which I will thank you to send Coins without delay.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt.
John J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Rec^{d} of Treas^{r} of U S Assay Office, Nine boxes Gold bullion in unparted bars, weighing 25,922.25 Oz gross valued at Four hundreds & Twenty seven thousand, four hundred & twenty three 48/100 dollars. ($427,423.48) which we agree to insure against loss and deliver to the Treasurer of U S Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty cents for One thousand dollars.

Adams & Co.
Per John K. Stimson
" Atty

New York Decem 16. 1854.

December 18,   4.

Sir,

In compliance with your letter of the 6th inst I present herewith an estimate of the cost of the alterations and additions proposed to be made in the Assay Office at New York, for the more safe and convenient transfer of bullion between the Weigh room and the Deposit melting room.

I instructed the Superintendent on the 7th inst. to present "a special report from the Melter & Refiner of that Office as to the necessity for three additional furnaces with an estimate of their probable cost". Previous to the reception of these instructions that Officer finding their Melting furnaces unequal to the public demand had directed two additional ones to be put up, and wrote me as follows: "Before doing this I satisfied myself by a conference with the Officers of the necessity of putting up these additional furnaces to enable us to pay our depositors as speedily as they had heretofore been paid at the Mint — and as you had provided the Office with the furnaces, and the cost of placing them

I ascertained would be about $500.
I took the responsibility of ordering the work
to be done.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant
[illegible] Saunders
Director

Hon James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City

U. S. Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New-York, 185

December 15th 1854

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday containing Assay Memorandum of bullion forwarded on 8th inst. also Adams & Co receipt for $425.000 in Coins (not yet arrived on account of fog) this amount you can treat as part payment of the understanding for draft in my favor, No. 1448. dated the 14th inst for $500.000. The unpaid balance of bullion forwarded on 8th inst, together with the amounts forwarded yesterday & today, will leave in your hands about One Million dollars; for which you are requested to furnish me the Coins, as rapidly as possible.

Another Steamer is now in bringing about One Million dollars, for which depositors will require payment on Monday, and I have no means of paying them unless I receive the Coins from you.

I enclose also receipt & Statement of Eleven boxes gold bullion forwarded to day by Adams & Co. weighing 26.405.34 Ozs. Net Value Four hundred & Eighty three thousand, Seven hundred & thirty 13/100 dollars.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Jno. J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U S Mint
Philadelphia

P.S. The Coins for Adams & Co have just arrived. to be tested & counted to day

Rec'd of Treasurer U.S. Assay Office Eleven boxes of Gold Bullion in unparted Bars: weighing 26.615.34. Ozs Gross, valued at Four Hundred and Eighty three Thousand, Seven hundred & thirty 13/100 Dollars ($483.730.13/100) which we agree to insure against Loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the U.S. Mint Philadelphia at Fifty cents per One Thousand Dollars.

Wm Stevenson

New York Dec 15, 1854. For the Adams Ex Co

U. S. Branch Mint
San Francisco
15th December 1854

Sir

Your favor of the 18th Novr. has been duly received, and contents noted.

You will herewith receive a statement, drawn in accordance with your suggestion, and which, I hope will furnish you with the desired information relative to the probable deficiency in the appropriations of the current fiscal year, available for the expenses of this Institution.

Our deductions from gold deposits, as well as our ordinary and contingent expenses, are so very variable, that it is impossible to set them down with any thing like accuracy. I can therefore, make only an approximate estimate of these items. And the probability is, I fear, that the former, in consequence of a great falling off in deposits for coinage, arising from a want of rains; will, for a time at least, be much less than we had a right to expect, when our first estimates were made up; while the latter, in view of our commencing the coinage of silver, will be considerably increased. I have accordingly made what I deem a proper allowance for these contingencies.

My estimate covers also, the salary of an additional clerk, which the Treasurer found it necessary to employ at the commencement of the current fiscal year, as well as that of one, which I find that I shall be compelled to employ from the 1st proximo.

Hoping that the accompanying statement, in connection with that which I have already forwarded, may furnish all the information which the Department requires, I remain,

Very Respectfully,

Your Obt Servt

Louis Aiken Birdsall

Supt.

Surplus from Appropriations & Mint profits 53–4 (about)	13.000.00
Appropriations of fiscal year 1854–5.	116.000.00
Probable amount of deductions "	71.000.00
Total Probable means	$200.000.00

Amount of Salaries to be paid	31.000.00
Wages of Workmen	115.000.00
Incidental & Contingent expenses	120.000.00
Total Estimate of Expenses	$266.000.00
	200.000.00
Total Estimated deficiency of the fiscal year	$66.000.00

Note. – The Director estimate for 55–6 —	$153,000
Add ded'ns by estimate of Supt's letter	65,676
Total means —	218,676
The estimated expenses of 54–5 as above are	266,000
so that the Directors estimate should be increased —	47,324
if the expenses of 55–6 are so much which may be doubtful –	

December 10, 4

Sir,

I return with my approval the pay rolls which were accidentally enclosed to the Treasurer of your Office as stated in my letter of yesterday.

I am, very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden,
Director.

Sam. F. Butterworth, Esqr.
Supt Assay Office,
New York,

P.S. I have presented for the approval of the Department a system of regulations by which we can, if it is adopted, greatly facilitate the transfers between your office & the Mint, without the agency of transfer drafts. And have also suggested that it would be advantageous to bullion dealers and perhaps to the Commercial business between the two cities, if the certificates authorised by the 11th sect. of the Assay Off. law were issued by your Treasurer. J.R.S.

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Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
December 15th 1854

Hon. Danl Sturgeon
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst: enclosing the vouchers returned to you for alteration, with mine of the 8th inst.—

As the suggestions contained in my letter of the 26th of October last in reference to the additional entries on the Assayers Report will afford greater facilities in the examination of the Bullion accounts without interfering with the present system of their rendition, I have to request that the suggestions may be complied with—

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
T. L. Smith
Auditor

December 15, 4.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 14th inst. with the enclosed letters from the Superintendent of the Assay Office at N.Y. which I have perused and herewith returned to you. These letters tend to show the propriety of the adoption of the arrangement proposed in my letter of the 11th inst. The issuing of the certificates provided for in the 11th Sect. of the Assay Office law might be useful as an additional accommodation to bullion owners and the commercial business between New York and this City.

In compliance with the request of Mr Butterworth, I yesterday requested the Treasurer to send over $426,000 in coin in anticipation of the draft for $500,000 which you inform me has been issued on the Treasurer of the Mint in favor of the Treasurer of the Assay Office. The balance will be forwarded to day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,

Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Use Form 1425-R for continuation of list.
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December 16, 4.

Sir,

I enclose for your examination a copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. informing me of the narrow escape of that institution from destruction by fire on the 9th inst, and requesting an appropriation by Congress of $5000, for covering the same with a metalic or slate roof. Fully concurring with the Superintendent as to the necessity of covering the Br. Mint building with a fire proof roof, and believing the estimated cost to be reasonable, I have to request that if it meet with your approval you will procure from Congress an appropriation of the amount asked for by the Superintendent.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City,

U. S. Assay Office, Treasurer's Department.

New-York, 185

December 14th 1854

Sir

As per receipts and statement enclosed I have this day forwarded by the "Adams Express Co." Six boxes of gold bullion in unparted bars, weighing 14.294.14 ozs gross, Valued at Two hundred & Sixty two thousand, three hundred & fifty nine 04/100 dollars Net.

In relation to the $778.600. now in your hands the Secretary of the Treasury has been written to for a Transfer draft in your favor, as also in relation to the mode to be adopted hereafter, in these transactions; but I cannot await his answer, before receiving the Coins from you.

In the mean time I have to request that you will forward without delay the Coins for that amount, as also an approximate payment for all amounts forwarded hereafter, as soon as received; in order to insure prompt payment to depositors.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Joh. J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U S Mint
Philadelphia

Rec^d of Treasurer of U.S. Assay Office. Six boxes of gold bullion in unparted bars, weighing 14.294.64 oz gross, valued at Two hundred & Sixty two thousand, three hundred Fifty nine 04/100 dollars ($262,359.04) which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to Treasurer of U.S. Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty cents per One thousand dollars.

New York, December 14, 1854.

for the [illegible]
Adams Exp^s Co

United States Assay Office.
New York, Dec. 14, 1854.

Sir,

In my communication of the 28th ult. I presented a plan of certain arrangements proposed to be made at this Office for the more safe and convenient transfer of bullion between the Weigh-room & the Deposit-melting room. In your reply of Dec. 7, enclosing letter from the Sec.y of the Treasy of Dec. 6, I am requested to furnish separate estimates of the expense of the work. This estimate is herewith enclosed.

I have already addressed you respecting the two furnaces, erected in the melting room, in my letter of the 8th inst.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.
Sam. F. Butterworth
Supt.

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

U. S. Assay Office,
New York, Dec. 14, 1854.

Sir,

The pay-rolls sent to you on the 11th inst. have been returned by the Treasurer of the Mint *receipted*. I notice however that you overlooked my request that you would add your official *approval* at the foot of my certificate. I return them for that purpose.

With great respect
Sam F. Butterworth
Supt.

Hon. J R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint,
Philada.

December

Sir

I have received your letter of the 12th inst. with the enclosures stated. The draft for $1800.64, on the Asst Treasurer U.S. at N.Y. has been cashed and the proceeds are being applied to the payment of the bills specified in your letter.

I return with my approval the bills of James McFetridge and W. H. Schively. The bill of Morgan & Orr has been corrected as to items, and is herewith returned properly certified to and receipted. The first tongues furnished were lost after their delivery at the place of storage, and it is therefore but proper that they should be paid for them as well as the second sett.

The pay rolls of Workmen paid by the Mint on a/c of your Office amounting to $1139.81 were handed to the Treasurer of the Mint for his receipt and were accidentally enclosed by his clerk to the Treasurer of your Office.

I enclose a bill of Mon Phillipot properly certified & receipted for refining jars shipped for your Office on the 18th inst. which I will thank you to cause to be paid as soon as convenient. A "Bill of Lading" for the same is also enclosed.

A bill ~~amounting~~ to $1,578.71. for articles furnished your Office from the Melter & Refiners department of the Mint is transmitted herewith for payment.

I am, Very Respectfully
James Ross Snowden
Director

Sam. F. Butterworth, Esqr.,
Supt. Assay Office
New York.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1855/JANUARY

Treasury Department
Feby 2 1855.

Sir

I have to request you will report to me at your early convenience the proportion of acid used at the Mint, in the refining of bullion, and if you are aware of a different proportion being used elsewhere, I will thank ~~to~~ you to give the comparative results of the two.

I am very Respy

James Guthrie
Sec Treasy

J Ross Snowden Esqr
Director Mint
Phila

Feb. 1st 5

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of the 29th inst. In order that you may understand and also be able to explain to the Committee of Ways and Means I herewith enclose a Copy of my letter of the 13th of January asking for an additional appropriation for the Branch Mint at San Francisco and for the Mint at Phil^a. and presenting the reasons for the same. I have considered that the sending of this letter would be a convenient mode of presenting the subject fully to your consideration in reply to your letter. and hope it may be satisfactory to the Committee.

As a matter of some interest and to show how much the Mint has produced to the Treasury during the past year I beg to add. that I have this day caused to be paid into the Treasury of the U. States the following sums: viz—

The profit on the Coinage of Gold. being ½ per cent charge authorised by 5th sect act of Feb. 21. 1853 $104,853.32

Profit on Silver Coinage, after paying expenses of transp^n. 108,629.49

Total amt paid into the Treasury for 1854. 213,482.81

~~I found~~ The appropriations for the Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1855. were as follows: —

For salaries of Officers	24,90
Wages of labor	72,00
Incidental expenses	56,00
Specimens of ore	300
	153,200

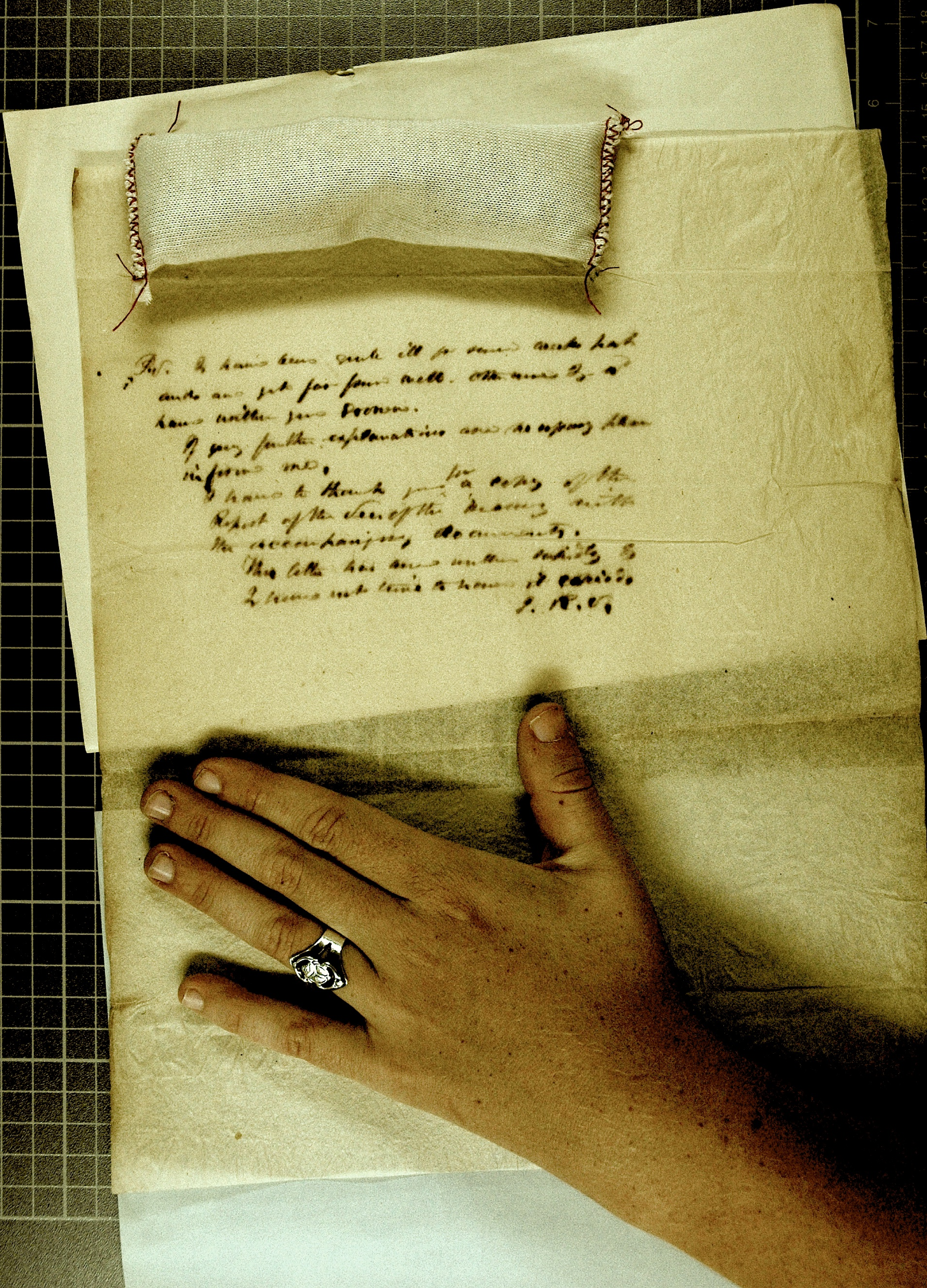
If to this is added the amt. appropriated for trans. of bullion between the mint and assay office 18,750

the total appn. was $171,950

Being $41,532.$\frac{80}{100}$ less than the amt. paid into the Treasury for the last year. And none has been asked for to make up the deficiency in

I am with great respect
yours truly
James Ross Snowden

Hon. John Robbins Jr.
Member of the Committee of
Ways & Means
House of Reps.
Washington.



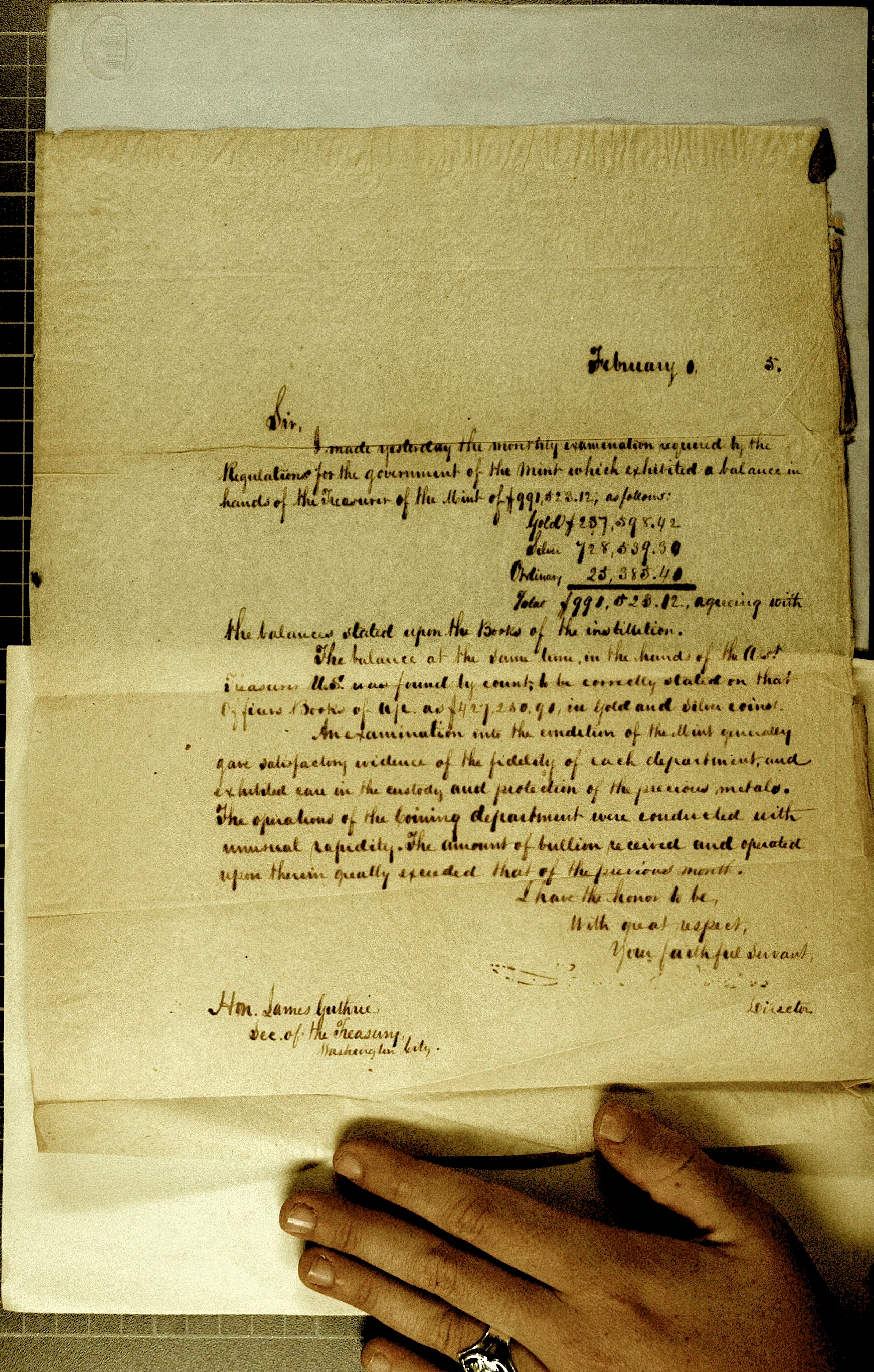
P.S. I have been quite ill for several weeks past
and am yet far from well. Otherwise I should
have written you sooner.

If any further explanations are necessary please
inform me.

I have to thank you for a copy of the
Report of the Sec. of the Treasury with
the accompanying documents.

This letter has been written hastily &
I have not time to [illegible] it carefully.

J. R. C.



February [illegible]. 5.

Sir,

I made yesterday the monthly examination required by the Regulations for the government of the Mint which exhibited a balance in hands of the Treasurer of the Mint of $991,523.12; as follows:

Gold	$237,598.42
Silver	728,539.30
Ordinary	25,385.40
Total	$991,523.12, agreeing with

the balances stated upon the Books of the institution.

The balance at the same time, in the hands of the Asst. Treasurer U.S. was found by count; to be correctly stated on that Officers Books of Acc. as $427,250.90, in Gold and Silver coins.

An examination into the condition of the Mint generally gave satisfactory evidence of the fidelity of each department, and exhibited care in the custody and protection of the precious metals. The operations of the Coining department were conducted with unusual rapidity. The amount of bullion received and operated upon therein greatly exceeded that of the previous month.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,

Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

February 1, 5.

Sir,

Pursuant to the Act of March 4, 1853 – mint laws page 62, I have this day issued my warrants on the Treasurer of the Mint requiring him to pay into the Office of the Ass^t. Treas^r. U.S. at Philadelphia the profits of the mint for the year 1854.

These warrants have been paid and the money is now subject to the draft of the Treasury Department.

The amounts are as follows:

Coinage charge at the Phil^a. Mint for 1854. $104,853.32

Profits on Silver Coinage at Phil^a. Mint . . 108,629.49

Total paid into Treasury U.S. from the Mint operations for the year 1854. $213,482.81

It may be interesting to state that the amount of appropriation for the Mint for the present fiscal year is $153,200

If we add the sum appropriated for transportation of bullion between the Mint & Assay office viz: 18,750

We have a total of $171,950.00

Which is less by the following amount than the profits for 1854 viz: $41,532.81,

And a greater sum than is asked for in my letter of the 13^th. ult^o. as a deficiency for the present fiscal year. I make this remark because I have learned from M^r. Rollins one of the Committee of Ways & Means that some objection has been made to the appropriation in question.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury
Washington

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan 31, 1855,

Sir,

My absence from the Mint on account of sickness prevented me from making my usual Monthly Report for Dec 1854, as to the attendance, conduct & fidelity of the Watchmen, Messengers & Conductors placed under my charge in subordination to the Director.

On an examination (made at your request) of the Firearms of the Mint, it was found that two of the Watchmen were without proper means of defense. By your direction I purchased each of them one of Colts Revolvers, and gave them full directions as to their use, and for the keeping of the same in good condition. The fidelity & strict attendance of the Watchmen is deserving of the highest commendation.

There are one or two matters connected with the Messengers & Conductors which I deem proper to bring to your notice. The time of the Night watch expires at 5 o'clock A.M., at which time it is very imprudent to leave the building in charge of less than three men. I am informed that on one or two occasions, a part of the night watch were detained after the expiration of their time by reason of a part of the conductors & Messengers not arriving at the proper time. It is proper to state that Mr Burrows was at the time absent on leave. I may also so state that Mr. McCombs has been for the last few weeks so much indisposed as to render him quite unable to get to the Mint as early as is required. One of the peculiarities of his case is that when out before daylight or in the evening he is in constant dread of bodily injury. It is probable that this will soon be obviated by medical treatment. I would most respectfully suggest ~~whether~~ that for the above reasons he be permitted to report himself at the Mint for a few days at 7 o'clock A.M. instead of 5 o'clock. ~~I think~~ Such an arrangement would greatly expedite his recovery.

It would I think be more convenient to require the Watchmen to remain in charge of the building until 6 o'clock A.M. instead of 5 o'clock & relieve the Conductors & Messengers at 6 o'clock P.M. instead of 5 as is now the case. The Mint should be as carefully guarded between the hours of five & six A.M. as during the night. During this hour, at least three able bodied men ought to be ~~at~~ in the front part of the building. These suggestions are made with due deference to the superior judgment of the Director.

Your Obt Servant,

H. R. Linderman

Hon. J. R. Snowden
Director.

Chief Coiner Dept.
U. S. Mint
Philada. Jany 31. 1855

J. Ross Snowden Esq:
Director of U. S. Mint
Dear Sir:

I beg leave to report the Department under my care for the Month ending this day. The amount of Bullion received and delivered far exceeds the previous month. The Rolling, Cutting, Annealing and Coining Rooms have progressed with unusual rapidity. I would recommend no further increase of Workmen; those employed therein have faithfully & diligently performed the duties assigned them.

The Ladies in the Adjusting room express much gratitude for the advance upon their Salaries and have been fully engaged; there are needed five more to prevent delay in the coinage of small denominations.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Geo. K. Childs
Chief Coiner U.S. Mint

United States Mint Easton Pa. Jan 26.
1855

Sir. I send you two designs for Coin, some features of which may possibly be original, although it is very deficult to get up any thing of this kind, which is original and at the same time National. There is one feature about these designs, that if it even is not original, still it is National and just. I mean the *symbol* of the Sun for the United States Constitution. There is no representation of the Constitution, upon any of our coin. I think this wrong. The constitution is that power which governs the whole Union, and like the *sun*, gives *life*, *vitality*, *action*, and power, to the Constellation of (States) Stars. The large design represents, the Constitution, the Union, and 5 territories, represeted by lighter shades, California being on the extreme West with the territories intervening between it and the States. I see no impropriety in putting in these territories, as they are actual

Governments possessing powers allied to the States. They might however be left out if thought proper. This large design might be used upon the 50 & 20 dollar gold pieces, & upon the Silver dollar; the small design could be used upon the 1/2 & 1/4 dollar pieces.

Let us show to the people of the Union and also of the World that we revere our Constitution by placing it upon our Coin. The small design might also be used upon the Cent.

Yours truly

A. Watson

Jan. 30th 5

Sir,

As the time is approaching when the annual Assay will be held I think it proper to advert to the point presented in your letter of the 16th of September last in which you stated that it would be proper hereafter to omit the expense of furnishing the usual refreshments to the Gentlemen who make the annual assay. In my reply on the 19th of that month I made some remarks showing that as the gentlemen gave their services on the day of the annual assay from 9 o'clock A.M until 5 P.M and sometimes later it had been usual in order to prevent interruption and as an act of hospitality to persons who gave their services gratuitously to place them refreshments. In which it was also the custom for the officers, Assistants and Clerks of the Mint, most of whom, especially the officers, have duties to perform connected with the annual assay, to unite. I am not aware whether that explanation was satisfactory to you or not, and for the purpose of conforming my action to your wishes I have to request your instructions on the point in question.

As I believe it proper, under the circumstances to give some refreshments on the occasion in question if you think the expense ought not to be defrayed ~~paid~~ from the ordinary fund of the mint it can be arranged by the expenses being paid by ~~a~~ voluntary contributions from the officers of the mint. Or if you think proper we could confine the entertainment to the Commissioners and officers of the mint, excluding the clerks, and assistants except the clerk who acts as Secretary to the Board this would reduce the expense one-half. This last course I think would be the best; unless indeed on a review of the case you should think it proper to let the chief Coiner of the mint as heretofore prepare the usual refreshments — having however a due regard to economy in the expenditures.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful Servant
[illegible] Director,

Hon. [illegible]
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

January 30, 5.

Sir,

The following named gentlemen have accepted the appointmen of special commissioners for the next annual Assay, viz:

Prof. Bailey of West point
Dr. McClintock of Pittsburgh
Mr. Latrobe of Baltimore
Mr. Bedford of Luzerne Pa
Mr. McClure of Williamsport, Pa.

Dr. C. King of New York declines on account of other duties claiming his attention. I inclose his letter to you on this subject. I suggest the name of Prof. John W. Draper Profess of Chemistry in the University of the City of New York as a suitable person to be appoint in the place of Dr. King. There are two of the special commissioners already designa who are practical Chemists viz: Prof. Bailey and Dr. McClintock, but it may be we to have three thus qualified I therefore suggest the appointment of Prof. Draper. case the suggestion is approved I will thank you to cause the letter of appointment to be sent to me as in the case of the other gentlemen.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden
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Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Treasury Department
Jan 29. 1855.

Sir

I enclose herewith, a copy of a letter addressed to the Department by the Comptroller of the Treasury and have to remark that it is the opinion of this Department that the whole amount realized from the sweeps should as recommended by the Comptroller, be paid into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Permit me to add, that it will be more in order and will save much time if you will address your communications directly to the heads of the Department.

I am very Respy
James Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of Mint.
Philada.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, January 9. 1855.

Sir:

I present the following report on the fineness and value of certain foreign gold and silver coins, as required by the Acts of Congress of January 25, 1834, and March 3. 1843: said coins being therein made a legal tender upon certain terms, to be ascertained by this report.

Gold Coins:

The gold coins of Great Britain, if not less than $915\frac{1}{2}$ thousandths fine, are receivable at $94\frac{6}{10}$ cents per pennyweight. Gold coins of France, not less than 899 thousandths, at $92\frac{9}{10}$ cents. Gold coins of Spain, Mexico and Columbia, "of the fineness of 20 carats $3\frac{7}{16}$ carat grains" which is equivalent to $869\frac{14}{100}$ thousandths, at $89\frac{9}{10}$ cents. And gold coins of Portugal and Brazil, not less than 22 carats ($916\frac{2}{3}$ thousandths) at $94\frac{8}{10}$ cents. Of the above, only the coins of Great Britain and France fulfil the terms of the Act, and there is an upward tendency in the fineness of British coins; but neither class has been received here for recoinage for more than two years past, except in trifling parcels, owing to the course of trade, which has cut off the importation of foreign gold coins. The standards of gold coinage in New Granada (formerly a State of Colombia) are so entirely altered, as to render the act of Congress obsolete in respect to that item; the fineness of the doubloon has raised to about 891 thousandths, but by decrease of weights, it has fallen in value, from about $15.60, to about $15.50.

Silver Coins:

The dollars of Spanish-American coinage, and those restamped into reis of Brazil, as also the five-franc pieces of France, were also made receivable at certain rates, by the Acts before mentioned; but as those coins are purchased at the Mint for recoinage, at a premium, the provision for making them current may be considered nugatory and obsolete. I subjoin, however, a tabular statement of their average weight and fineness, and their value per piece, and per ounce, according to the rate at which our whole dollars are coined; and in the last column I have stated their value per ounce, as paid for by purchase at the Mint. There is much uncertainty, however, about the dollar of Central America, whose coinage is quite irregular as to fineness.

In general, the halves, quarters, &c., of these dollars are very near in fineness to the whole piece; but the public should be aware, that half and quarter dollars of Bolivia, commencing with the date 1830, and those of South Peru of 1836 to 1838, were greatly debased in quality, and are worth only about three-fourths of their nominal value. Such pieces are occasionally seen in our circulation. The fractions of a dollar coined within a few years in Central America, or rather in Costa Rica, are still more depreciated, and very irregular; but their mis-shapen appearance will be enough to exclude them from currency here.

Denomination.	Weight.	Fineness.	Value in cents without Premium.		Price at mint in bars.
	Grains.	Thousandths	Per piece.	Per ounce.	Per ounce.
Spanish pillar dollars & Brazilian restamped.	412½	900.	100.	116.86	122.50
Dollars of Mexico, mixed	416¼	901.	101.	116.50	122.04
do Peru do	415	906.	101.2	117.14	123.32
do Bolivia & Chili do	416½	902.	101.2	116.63	122.77
do Cent. America	416	870.	97.6	[illegible]	118.42
Five francs of France, mixed	384	901.	[illegible]		

I deem it proper to repeat the suggestion contained in my Report of the 28th. of January last, that the laws which legalize the circulation of coins of other Countries are no longer necessary or expedient. In no other nation is this mixture of legal currencies admitted or allowed. Whatever necessity or expediency there was at the time they were passed in view of the inconsiderable coinage then executed, has ceased to operate at this time, when our annual coinage is scarcely inferior to that of any other nation. If this suggestion is approved and the laws in question are repealed it will be proper to provide that the Director's annual Report on the coinage operations of the Mint, should embrace a statement of the weight, fineness and value or purchasing price at the Mint of such coins as are brought here in the course of trade or by emmigration. This would include not only the coins mentioned in this Report, but those also of Germany, Sweden, Norway, Sardinia, Switzerland, &c: I must beg to repeat that "Such a Report would "be a judicious substitute for the one now presented."

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant.

James Ross Snowden.
Director Mint U.S.

Hon: James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury:

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

January 24th 1855

Sir

I herewith enclose to you, a letter recd this day, in envelope directed to me.

Neither letter (other than this) or Coins, have been recd from you to day.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U S Mint
Philadelphia

United States Assay Office.
New York, Jan. 24, 1855.

Sir,

The enclosed bills were received from you some time since. On taking them up to day, with a view to remitting funds for their payment, it was discovered that some correction is required in one of the items. I refer to the fifth item viz.

"7945 yds. Bro. Sheeting @ 26½ cts. $201.40"

This quantity at 26½ cts gives 2,105.42 while $201.40 @ 26½ requires but 760 yds.

As two bales only were sent to us, I presume the error is in the quantity.

The first item ($17.50) having been already paid should be deducted.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.,
Sam. F. Butterworth
Supt.

Hon. Daniel Sturgeon,
Treasurer of the Mint,
Philada.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

January 23d 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst, enclosing Transfer draft No 1623. upon me, in your favor, for $17.500. payable in fine Silver. as my accounts with the Melter & Refiner are now being adjusted, the payment must necessarily be deferred for a few days, when it will meet with attention.

I have also recd pr the "Adams Express Co" in gold Coins $150.000. with which your a/c has been credited.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

January 22nd 1855

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst. is received, as also per the "Adams Express Co" in gold Coins, One hundred & fifty Thousand dollars, and have placed the amount to your Credit.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
Jany 22. 1855.

Sir

The Superintendent of the Assay office has advised the Department that he has been required to return a portion of the Melting Pots supplied by the Mint for its use — and represents that great inconvenience will be caused by their withdrawal.

Now as the Director of the Mint has authority over this subject the Department does not feel at liberty to interfere, but, supposing that the additional supply will soon be received from abroad would recommend to the Director not to insist upon his demand, in opposition to the views and wishes of the Superintendent at N. York —

I am very Respy
James Guthrie
Secy Treasury.

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of Mint
Philada

Sir, January 23d.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst respecting the action of the Mint relative to procuring certain porcelain pots for its use from the Assay Office at New York. I regret that the Superinten of that Office should have conveyed such an erroneo impression of the facts which have occurred on this subject. In justice to myself, and that you may see how little amenable I am to the charge of having required a return of these melting pots, I simply extract from the correspondence between the Mint and the Assay Office all that has any relation to the matter referred to.

Extract from a letter of the Director to the Supt. of the Assay Office dated 12th inst "Our refining capacity having been so much diminished, by furnishing your Office with a number of our porcelain pots, it would be very convenient for the Mint to receive back some twenty of the same, which would enable the Melter & Refiner to meet the increased work recently thrown upon his Department. If you can spare this number I will thank you to send them over.

When the demand for fine Bars shall require your Office to resume active operations, the porcelain pots may be sent back, and

the workmen you send over can return,
and thus prevent the necessity of discharging
experienced and trusty workmen and the
subsequent employment of inexperienced ones. As you
will receive between this and the 1st April next, a
Shipment of porcelain jars from Germany, wh
were ordered a year since, you may not requ
the return of those to be sent to the Mint. In that cas
they can be paid for at the same price that
they were furnished the Assay Office by the
Mint."

Extract from a letter of the Director to the
Supt of the Assay Office dated 17th inst "I should
be pleased to hear from you as to the porcelain
pots refered to in my letter of the 12th inst."

Extract from a letter of the Supt of the Assay
Office to the Director dated Jan. 18th "Can you
not get on without our returning the 20 porcelain
pots? We should be left with only 18, only enough
for one furnace. Aside from the great risk of breaking
is it politic to leave this Office in such a dismantled
condition! We are liable, at any turn of exchange,
to be set at work again."

Extract from a letter of the Director to the
Supt of the Assay Office dated Jan 19. "As you
cannot conveniently spare any of your porcelain
jars, those refered to in my letter of the 12th inst
may be retained at your Office"

I may add that it was not for a moment designed to have these pots sent to the Mint, unless it could be done without inconvenience to the Assay Office, and it was for this reason that in proposing the transaction I used the following words. "If you can spare this number I will thank you to send them over. It was thus left to the Superintendent to decide whether they could be conveniently spared or not, and when he informed me that it would be too great a reduction of their refining jars, I immediately informed him that they might be retained at the Assay Office.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,

Director

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City,

Mem. for the Director & Treas.

The Assay value of sweep sold since Jan. 1, 1853 was —— $91,130.03

The net value received therefor, after deducting all expenses of freight, insurance, commission and exchange was —— 76,335.19

The net value therefore averaged about $15\frac{2}{10}$ths per cent of the gross value

Dr. Farnum's bid would yield but 25 per cent of the gross value.

A. P.

22 Jan. 1855

SALE OF GOLD AND SILVER SWEEPS AT THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES, PHILADA.

Sealed Proposals will be received at the Mint of the United States, until 3 o'clock, on the 15th of January next, when they will be opened by the Director of the Mint, in the presence of such of the bidders as may be present, for the purchase of one hundred and forty-five barrels of Mint Sweeps, containing Gold and Silver.

They will be sold in lots, thirteen of ten barrels each, and one of fifteen barrels, to the highest bidder. Should, however, the bids unexpectedly fall greatly below the true value of the Sweeps, as reported by the Mint assay, the Director reserves the power of rejecting the whole of said bids.

The form of the bids should state the price offered per hundred pounds, Avoirdupois, payable in Cash at the Mint on delivery of the Sweeps. Samples for Assay, will be furnished on application at the Mint.

By order of JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Director of the Mint.
Oct. 17, 1854. DANL. STURGEON,
oo18 1m Treasurer

IF THERE IS AN INDIVIDUAL

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 24 Jan 1855

Sir,

In pursuance of the plan proposed in my letter of Sept. 15th last, approved by the Department on the 19th subsequent, I advertised the sweeps of the Mint for sale to the highest bidder, according to the form of notice hereunto annexed. The time for tendering bids having elapsed, I regret to state that but a single offer has been received. By this proposal we are offered for the sweep 75 per cent of the gross, or bullion value thereof, as determined by the Mint assay.

The general result of this attempt at the direct sale of our sweep, without intermediate agency, is in a double sense unsatisfactory; first, inasmuch as we have been unsuccessful in securing that competition which is essential to such a plan, and, secondly, because the price bid is far too low. In reference to this last point, it may be sufficient to state that on the aggregate sales of our sweep for the years 1853 & 1854 we have realised 85 per cent on the Mint value, after deducting the purchasers profits, and all our expenses, of freight, insurance, agency, exchange &c; so that the bid is 10 per cent below the net value which we should probably realise if it should be sold according to the system heretofore customarily adopted. I trust you will agree with me, therefore, that it is proper I should reject this bid (conformably to the reservation made in the advertisement) as falling "greatly below the true value of the sweeps as reported by assay".

As we have now on hand a valuable parcel of sweeps, some $30,000 worth, the value of which it is necessary to realise, there appears no alternative, at present, except to forward the same to our agent in London, for sale to the highest bidder there, or in Paris. This agent (Dr. Jos. W. Farnum, formerly Assayer at the Dahlonega Mint) is admirably well qualified for the position, both by his integrity, business talent, & scientific knowledge, and acquired experience. Inasmuch, however, as these sweeps stand charged to the Treasurer as bullion, to the extent of their Mint value, it seems proper that before he parts with the possession of the same he should have an express authorisation of the Department. I have, therefore, now to request that in regard to sweeps accumulated at the Mint, and also at the Branch Mints and Assay Office, the Treasurers respectively shall be authorised to ship the same to an agent in Europe for sale to the highest bidder; this authority to continue until some plan more satisfactory shall be devised for the disposal thereof.

I have the honor to be
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your faithful servant

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Account of Sweep Sales.
from Jan. 1 '53 to '55

			Sales	
Mint value	13,469.04	mtk lon 21⅔	yield 78⅓ p.c	$10,542.03
	8,822.59	mtk lon 11⅔ p.c	88⅓	7,797.95
	8,969.04	mtk lon 16⅔ p.c	83⅓	7,477.95
8,734.25 +8,946.00	17,680.25	mtk lon 16½ p.c	83½	14,770.23
11,818.66 1,791.92 12,731.03 silver 1,353.00 undervaluation	27,694.61	mixed CC lon 8½ p.c	91½	25,343.56
15,553.40 less 2,158.90 overvaluation	13,394.50	mtk lon 22⅓ p.c	77⅔	10,403.47
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15,553.40 } overvaluation loss 2,158.90 —	13,394.50	mint loss 22⅓ p.c	77⅔	10,403.47
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U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

January 20th 1855

Sir

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Very Respectfully
Your Obt Sert
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U S Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
Jan. 20. 1855.

Sir

In compliance with your request I enclose herewith a transfer draft on the Aſsay office at N. York in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for $17,500 payable in fine silver. The letter of the 15th. referred to in your communication has not come to hand.

I am very Resp.

Jas Guthrie
Sec. Treasury.

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Director of Mint.
Philada.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

January 19. 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, also of Two hundred Thousand dollars in gold coins, per the "Adams Express Co" which I have placed to your credit.

As per receipt & statement enclosed, I have this day forwarded per "A.E.Co" Twelve boxes & One bag, containing 32.063.54 Ozs gross of unparted gold bars, of the Net Value of Five hundred & eighty eight thousand, three hundred & thirty seven 26/100 dollars.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 23 Received of the Treasurer of the United States Assay Office, New York.

Twelve Boxes containing 32,063.54 Ozs Gold Bullion,

" " Silver "

One Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to $588,337.26

Five hundred & Eighty eight thousand three hundred thirty seven 26/100 Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, January 19 1855

Adams & Co

pr John K. [illegible]

Atty

January 19. 5.

Sir,

In compliance with the Act of March 4, 1853, c. 97, I present herewith a Quarterly Statement of the Expenditures of the Mint for the 4th Quarter 1854.

Expenditures of the Mint 4th Quarter 1854.

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks	$ 6,975.00
" Wages of Workmen	21,376.81
" Incidental & Contingent Expenses	42,537.61
Total	$70,889.42

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,

Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Jan. 19 5

Sir,

I have to request that you will call the attention of the President to the necessity of appointing Special Commissioners to attend the annual Assay to be held at the Mint on the 2d. Monday in February next, (12th prox.) in accordance with the 32d. Sect. of the general mint law of Jan. 18. 1837

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Private.

Jan. 19th 5

Dear Sir,

In compliance with the uniform custom on the subject of the annual assay I beg leave to present the names of the following gentlemen as suitable persons to act as Special Commissioners.

viz,

Dr. King.	Prest. Columbia College N. Y.
Prof. J. W. Bailey.	West Point
J. H. B. Latrobe Esqr.	Baltimore
Dr. J. R. McClintock.	Pittsburgh
Dr. Andrew Bedford	Luzerne
Hepburn McClure Esq	Williamsport

After the President has designated the persons to act as Special Commissioners it will be convenient to transmit their appointments to me, so that I may communicate with them on the subject. A different course last year occasioned some inconvenience and irregularity.

If the name of a professor of Chemistry in the South or West occurs to you as suitable, please add it to the above list,

I am, with great regard,
Your friend & obt. servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Secy. of the Treasury
Washington City.

January 19,   5.

Sir,

In my letter of the 16th inst. I requested a transfer draft on the Treasurer of the Assay Office in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, payable in fine Silver and presented the reasons therefor. I have now to state that I have this day received a letter from the Superintendent of that Office, in reply to mine of the 13th inst. (and referred to in my letter of the above date to you) in which he informs me that they cannot conveniently spare the above stated amount, but, that of the $200,000 originally received from the Mint, there remains unused some $17.500, which they can spare without interfering with their Operations & which they will most cheerfully send to the Mint. I have therefore to request that the draft above referred to, may be issued for $17.500 instead of $50,000 the Amount asked for in my letter of the 16th inst.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,

Director,

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury.

Deposits of Gold Bullion, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Assay Number.	Gross Weight.		Proportion of Gold.		Standard Weight.			Value of Gold.		Proportion of Silver.	Amount of Silver, Less 1-99th left unextracted in Standard Gold.				Charges on the Deposit.								Net Value of Deposit.		Depositors' Names.	Receipt Number.	Date.	MODE OF PAYMENT.					
											Standard Weight.		Value.		Parting.		Coinage.		Bars.		Total.							In Gold Coins.		In Silver Coins.		In Bars.	
	Oz.	Dec.	1000ths.		oz.	dec.		$	c	1000ths.	oz.	dec.	$	c	$	c	$	c	$	c	$	c	Dollars.	Cents.				$	c	$	c	$	c

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					114.581			70
122	510.51.879½	49	.44	498881	58723 6806 65529	112	5849	„
3	483.08.873½	89	+.59	468856	53.625 10776 64.401	120	5968	71
4	104.53.895	30	.25	103949	11.614	100	1056	70
5	132.25.892½	23	.23	131148	14694 1358	100	1337	„
6	1249.20.897	25	.25	1245036	2126 136.024 138.911 2398 137.113	98	123.45	71
7	1410.97.893	26	.06	1399996	156714 3135 159.909	102	14577	71+72
8	1143.75.891	36	.46	1132312	127.083 5083	104	12073	72
5.7	1097447	396	1.85	10918316	12207		109839	
129	906.23.873	29	.53	879043	100692 20138 2013 122843	122	11397	72
130	879.07.883½	29	.29	862954	97.674 10744 108.418	111	9971	72+73
1	822.98.897	27	.03	820237	91.442 1829 89.613	98	8133	73
2	264.76.893	25	.19	262701	29.418 294 29.712	101	2706	„
3	287.57.858½	22	.33	274243	31.944 9563 1917	136	4067	„
4	192.23.863	23	.34	184327	43344 21.357 6406	132	2633	69
5	191.54.860	25	.33	183027	28.422 21.252 286731	135	2688	73
140	23.30.907½	32	.42	23494	28.721	–	–	70
1	155.88.885	56	.45	153282	17.32 1732 19.052	110	1751	73
2	70.4.917	16	.24	7173	-782	–	–	70
3	64.63.883½	16	.15	63445	7.181 790 7.97	111	733	„
4	443.80.886	19	.32	437897	49.311 4418 53749	109	4933	73
5	10.30.989	17	.09	11316		–	–	70
6	167.89.900½	29	.36	167983	18655 1492 17.163	92	1547	74
7	165.09.883½	21	.21	162063	18343 2018 20361	111	1873	„
8	129.21.899	18	.11	129067		–	–	„
9	338.10.891	19	.19	334719	37.566 1123 38653	103	3531	„
150	7288 418½	71	.74	33889	8098 2429	139	1091	„
1	539.16.894½	20	.20	535865	11256	–	–	„
2	213.01.871	22	.42	206147	23663 4733 543	124	2727	„
3	172.33.895	42	.22	171373	29.351 18957	99	1723	„
4	55.83.885½	24	.24	54931				„
5	57.98.896½	52		57755				„
	606074	153	4.96	6016931			61504	

29109 66 13.61 11.19 28852748 53679531 29070 5 338275 1416 48 2700.89 – 41737 536060 69 *Add 5/4 % premium on Silver* 177.59

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Deposits of Gold Bullion, ~~U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.~~

Assay Number.	Gross Weight.		Proportion of Gold.			Standard Weight.		Value of Gold.		Proportion of Silver.	Amount of Silver, Less 1-99th left unextracted in Standard Gold.				Charges on the Deposit.								Net Value of Deposit.		Depositors' Names.	~~Receipt Number.~~ Box No	Date.	MODE OF PAYMENT.					
	Oz.	Dec.	1000ths.			oz.	dec.	$	c	1000ths.	Standard Weight. oz.	dec.	Value. $	c	Parting. $	c	Coinage. $	c	Bars. $	c	Total. $	c	Dollars.	Cents.				In Gold Coins. $	c	In Silver Coins. $	c	In Bars. $	c
101	1343	75	905½	25	+.18	1351	962			89	119	23														64							
2	1349	51	898	.26	.09	1346	511			97	131	85														"							
3	1355	72	875½	25	+.95	1318	814			119	165	89														65							
4	1332	34	888½	.17	.17	1315	316			106	143	63														"							
5	981	15	884	26	.26	963	707			110	110	19														66							
8	15	14	872	.19	.11	14	669			–	–															"							
9	1200	60	909½	25	+.55	1213	273			85	101	16														"							
110	1214	56	891½	24	.70	1203	089			103	126	84														66+67							
1	1162	30	885	25	.95	1142	928			110	130	52														67							
2	1428	21	919	29	.87	1458	361			76	105	88														"							
3	591	17	896½	.73	.91	588	871			98	58	43														68							
5.74	11974	45		3.14	2.38	11917	501				1193	62																					
114	566	32	901½	34	.42	567	264			92	52	16														68							
5	1074	96	898½	.27	+.19	1073	168			96	103	82														"							
6	1075	55	899	24	+.82	1074	355			96	103	87														69							
7	1074	30	899	34	.64	1073	106			96	103	75														"							
8	1074	86	902	25	+.01	1077	249			92	98	99														69+70							
9	1074	19	899	44	.71	1072	996			96	103	75														70							
122	510	51	879½	.19	.44	498	881			112	58	49														"							
3	483	08	873½	29	+.59	468	856			120	59	68														71							
4	104	53	895	30	.25	103	949			100	10	56														70							
5	132	25	892½	23	.23	131	148			100	13	37														"							
6	1249	20	897	25	.25	1245	036			98	123	.45														71							
7	1410	97	893	26	.06	1399	996			102	145	77														71+72							
8	1143	75	891	.36	.46	1132	312			104	120	73														72							
5.57	10974	47		3.96	1.85	10918	316				1098	39																					

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Danl. Sturgeon Esq.

Treas. U. S. Mint.

Sir.

We have had several applications to buy planchets, at a low price - damaged by being in salt water - They cannot be cleaned so as to be fit for use -

We write this line, thinking that you may be applied to, also - We suppose they are a part of a large parcel, sunk in the Delaware river, last winter - Yours

Very Respectfully

Crocker Bros. & Co.

(Copy)

Paris. January 18th 1855.

Hon: James Guthrie Secretary
of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor of enclosing herewith a copy of the appeal made by the American Commissioners to the World's Fair to be held in the City of Paris, to Public Authorities &c. Allow me on this occasion to address to you an humble request. To complete the collection of American coins from 1652, to this present time presented by Congress to the American library and Museum of the City of Paris. We want those issued from 1850 to 1855. Be you be kind enough to authorize the Director of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, to give us a series of all the coins from the half cent to the largest gold piece, and if I was not afraid to ask too much I would beg for a duplicate copy of each of them, so as to show both sides at once as it is the case with the Freanch Coins I have had the honor of addressing to you last year in the name of the Minister of Finance.

In November 1850, I received from Franklin Peale Esq Chief Coiner a very valuable series of American Historical Medals destined likewise for our American library, it would be very important to complete this series all that has been stroken in the United States since 1850.

All these are, you know sir, destined to the American

Library & Museum. We are erecting in the Metropolis of the civilized world to the Glory of the genius and intellectual power of the United States. No doubt that appreciating the importance of such an establishment in the Old World you will joyfully answer to my humble Call and Co-operate with us in our efforts to present America to Europe in all her beauties, Riches and Power.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very humble and devoted Servt.
Alexander Vattemare

N.B. Any Coins or Medals from the Imperial Mint that may be wanted will always be at your service.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, January 18th 1855.

Sir,

In compliance with the act of March 4, 1853, c. 97, I present herewith a quarterly Statement of the Expenditures of the Assay Office at New York, for for the 3d & 4th Quarters 1854.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,

Director.

Hon. James Guthrie.
Sec. of the Treasury.
Washington City.

January 18, 5.

Sir,

In compliance with the Act of March 3, 1853, c. 97, I present herewith a Statement of the expenditures of the Assay Office at New York for the 3rd and 4th Quarters 1854.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,

Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City,

January 20, 5.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst. I have to state that the proceeds (viz: $1463.35,) of the deposit refered to were paid on the 19th December last to J. W. Harrison, Agent of Wells, Fargo & Co who informs me that the above Amount was forwarded to you some time since to the care of the American Express Co. New York, with whom it would be well for you to communicate.

Very Respectfully,

Director.

A. L. Bean, Esqr
Skaneateles
Ond. Co.
N.Y.

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Dr Leidleman
Dear Sir

The package to which this letter refers was sent on some time since to H L Bean Skaneateles NY to the care of the American Express Co New York

If he has not rec^d^ it it must be lying at some of the offices intermediate

I will write to our people about it

Jos Harrison

Paid Dec. 19, 1854 to J. W. Harrison
agent of Wells, Fargo & Co — $1463.35

Skaneateles Jan 17 1855
To The Treasurer of U.S.A Mint
Dear Sir

I Sent a parcel of Gold dust to the Mint for Coinage Some 5 weeks Since. it having been longer than usual in being returnd will you please inform whether it was received, and when it will be returned.

Yours with respect
W. L. Bean

Direct
Skaneateles Ond Co
N.Y.

Referred to Treasurer for the desired information

JRS

Office Bankers' Mag.
January 17" 1855

To J. R. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint.

Dear Sir,

I propose to insert the enclosed page in my next No. provided I can add the coinage for the year 1853 & 1854 (including the Branch mints, without San Francisco)

If this information can be furnished, it will be very acceptable to the public & to

Yours most respy
J. Smith Homans
Ed B.M.

Deposits of Gold Bullion, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Assay Number.	Gross Weight.		Proportion of Gold.			Standard Weight.			Value of Gold.		Proportion of Silver.	Amount of Silver, Less 1-99th left unextracted in Standard Gold.				Charges on the Deposit.								Net Value of Deposit.		Depositors' Names.	~~Receipt Number.~~ Box No	Date.	MODE OF PAYMENT.					
												Standard Weight.		Value.		Parting.		Coinage.		Bars.		Total.							In Gold Coins.		In Silver Coins.		In Bars.	
	Oz.	Dec.	1000ths.			oz.	dec.		$	c	1000ths.	oz.	dec.	$	c	$	c	$	c	$	c	$	c	Dollars.	Cents.				$	c	$	c	$	c
96	1216	50	879	.26	.74	1188	115	135.166 21.626 156.792			116	144	79														61+62							
7	1209	39	900	.27	1.07	1209	390	134.377 6.763 127.614			95	115	44														62							
8	1215	15	890	.20	1.40	1201	648	135.016 6.751 141.767			105	129	63														62+63							
9	603	36	864	.24	.48	579	226	67.04 20.17 620 87.821			131	81	98														63							
100	835	82	874½	.30	.19	812	138	92.869 18.736 111.605			120	103	24														"							
6	253	15	877	.53	.45	246	680	28.128 4.780 32.908			117	30	42														"							
7	183	85	840	.61	.59	171	594	20.427 2.655 23.082			113	21	35														56							
120	271	70	886½	.32	.45	267	624	30.189 1.871 32.060			106	29	30														63							
1	106	99	898	.45	.20	106	752	11.688 157 11.531			97	10	45														"							
136	96	82	859½	.25	.29	92	463	14.523			135	13	59														56							
7	53	51	882½	.44	.46	52	470				.	—															61							
9	77	18	899½	.20	.10	77	137				.	—															"							
	6123	42		407	6.42	60052	37					680	19																					
	30557	80		1070 }	7.29	299258	95					3250	26																					
	36681 7 84	22 00 22		1477 }	23.71	359311	32		668486	18		3930	45	457	36	1666	49	3365	30	.		5031	79	668028	00									
														Premium on Silver 5/4 %										240	11									
																								668268	11			1855. Jan. 16	668268	11				

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Deposits of Gold Bullion, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Assay Number.	Gross Weight. Oz. Dec.	Proportion of Gold. 1000ths.	Assay Slips.	Total diff.	Standard Weight. oz. dec.		Value of Gold. $ c	Proportion of Silver. 1000ths.	Amount of Silver, Less 1-99th left unextracted in Standard Gold. Standard Weight. oz. dec.	Value. $ c	Charges on the Deposit. Parting. $ c	Coinage. $ c	Bars. $ c	Total. $ c	Net Value of Deposit. Dollars. Cents.	Depositors' Names.	Receipt Number. Box No.	Date.	Mode of Payment. In Gold Coins. $ c	In Silver Coins. $ c	In Bars. $ c
54	303 10	479½	.37	.37	161485			500	16676								50				
5	25 11	989½	.26	.27	27607			.									"				
6	96 07	901½	.31	.26	96230	10.624 [illegible] 9.927		93	896								"				
7	19 97	864½	.18	.19	19182			.									"				
8	11 11	887½	.18	.24	10956	1.234		.									"				
9	94 67	987½	.19	.21	103874	10.518 [illegible] 9.205		.									"				
60	406 75	893	.22	.31	403587	45.194 451 45.645		101	4157								"				
1	176 23	899	.23	.23	176034			.									"				
2	102 55	895½	.30	.18	102037	11.394 341 11.053		97	1002								"				
3	26 12	878	.18	.13	25482	2.902		.									"				
4	40 38	921	.27	.29	41322	4.486		.									"				
5	1185 45	898½	.26	.38	1183474			.									51				
6	545 18	895	.21	.09	542151			.									50				
7	275 50	892	.27	.35	273051	30.611 919 31.53		103	2877								"				
8	55 64	893	.44	.46	55207	6.132		.									"				
9	21 14	951	.23	.16	22338			.									"				
70	837 83	896½	.23	.23	834572			.									50+51				
1	968 85	887	.27	.66	954855	107.65 861 116.26		108	10662								51				
2	1018 60	888	.25	.66	1005019	113.178 7.932 121.110		107	11095								52				
3	975 75	886	.29	.68	960572	108.417 [illegible] 118.175		109	10848								"				
4	1243 88	889½	.21	1.71	1229366	138.209 [illegible] 145.12		105	13270								52+53				
5	255 75	908½	.21	.31	258165	28.416 3978 24.438		86	2183								53				
6	1215 20	860½	.21	.69	1161866	135.022 40.507 5.401 180.93		134	16920								"				
	9900 83		5.77	9.06	9648432				90586												
77	1216 60	872	.29	.78	1178750	135.178 27.035 6.155		123	15437								53+54				
8	1216 65	869	.28	.76	1174743	166.268 135.193		126	15847								54				

3	97575 886	·19	·61	960572	109	10848	"
4	124388 889½	·21	1·71	1229366	105	13270	52+53
5	25575 908½	·24	·31	258165	86	2183	53
6	121520 860½	·24	·69	1161866	134	16920	"
	990083	5·77 } 9·06		9648432		90586	
77	121660 872	·29	·78	1178750	123	15437	53+54
8	121665 869	·28	·76	1174743	126	15847	54
9	122028 869	·21	+·30	1178248	125	15758	54+55
80	121450 874½	·25	·73	1180090	120	15001	55
1	121681 872	·24	·94	1178954	122	15304	55+56
2	48691 856	·24	·43	463106	139	7052	56
3	124325 884	·25	·25	1221148	111	14100	"
4	109174 910	·30	·64	1103870	84	9075	56+57
5	125164 895	·24	·24	1244686	100	12650	57
	1015838	2·30 } 4·47		9923595		120224	
86	119748 893	·21	·31	1188166	102	12371	57+58
7	112723 886½	·24	·49	1110322	108	12405	58
8	84521 892	·26	·04	837697	103	8827	"
9	105114 886	·25	+·09	1034789	108	11569	59
90	101415 869	·32	·97	979218	126	13209	"
1	105853 885	·14	·32	1040888	110	11887	59+60
2	121702 892½	·33	·81	1206878	102	12574	60
3	122330 896	·35	·80	1217863	97	11954	60+61
4	30846 919½	·28	·28	315143	75	2252	61
5	145607 879½	·25	+·17	1422904	115	17168	"
	1049859	2·63 } 3·76		10353868		11421·6	
	3045780	10·70 } 17·29		29925895		325026	

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

January 16th 1855

Sir

Your letter of yesterday containing Aſsay memorandum for Unparted gold bullion forwarded to you on the 8th inst. is rec^{d}. also per the "Adams Expreſs Co" \$ 150.000. in gold Coins. which amount I have placed to your Credit. I am also in receipt of the blank forms of abstract forwarded by you, for which I have to thank you particularly.

As per receipt of statement inclosed, I have this day forwarded per the "Adams Expreſs Co Fourteen boxes containing Unparted gold bars, Weighing 36.481.22 Ozs groſs, Net Value \$ 448.248.11.

With tomorrow's shipment of bullion, I shall forward you 139 large bags.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 21. Received of the Treasurer of the United States Assay Office, New York.

Fourteen Boxes containing 36,481.22 Ozs Gold Bullion,

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" " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to $668,268.11

Six hundred & sixty eight Thousand, two hundred & sixty eight 11/100 Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, January 16, 1855. Adams & Co.

Per John K. Stimson

Duplicate

January 16th. 5.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 10th. inst, in reply to which I have to state that in order to carry out your instructions, and bring the Assay Office into successful operation, we transferred in October last two thirds (ozs 500.000) of our fine silver, for refining gold, one third of our porcelain vessels, used in refining, and several of our experienced operatives to the same. The refining capacity of the Mint was thereby reduced from two to one million per week, but we have since raised it to one and a half millions per week, which is more than the average amount deposited, but a single arrival, or, two closely consecutive arrivals from California may bring in a larger amount, which it is desirable to return as quickly as possible to depositors, and therefore the refining capacity of the Mint should be not less than two millions per week; and since it requires about twelve days to refine and convert one million of bullion into coin, and sixteen days for two millions, the Mint should therefore have a bullion fund of not less than five or six millions of gold alone. Our bullion fund is less than it was formerly, although our business has recently expanded to its former extent.

In order that we might be relieved from the the inconvenience arising from the before mentioned causes, I addressed the Superintendent of that Office a letter on the 12th. inst stating that it was desirable to transfer from that Office to the Mint, from 50 to 60,000 oz of fine Silver, providing that it could be done without embarrassing their operations. I also requested that 20 of the porcelain pots furnished that Office by the Mint might be returned, to which I have not yet received a reply. If we could have the amount of fine Silver and the number of porcelain pots above stated transferred, it would enable the Melter & Refiner to meet the increased work recently thrown upon his department, and the Mint to convert into coin with sufficient rapidity all the bullion that may hereafter be deposited for that purpose. I have now to request a transfer draft on the Treasurer of the Assay Office in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for $50,000 payable in fine Silver. I may add that the Assay Office will still retain a sufficient amount of Silver for all the business they may have to do.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,

Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

January 22nd 5.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 20th inst. with the enclosed draft on the Treasurer of the Assay Office in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for $17.500 payable in fine Silver.

I enclose herewith a duplicate of my letter of the 16th inst.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,

Director

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

January 16, 5.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 15th inst., in reply to which I have to state that in order to carry out your instructions, and bring the Assay Office into successful operation, we transferred in October last two thirds of our fine silver viz: $200,000, for refining gold, one third of our porcelain vessels, used in refining, and several of our experienced operatives to the same. The refining capacity of the Mint was thereby reduced from two to one million per week, but we have since raised it to one and a half millions per week, which is more than the average amount deposited, but a single arrival, or two closely consecutive arrivals from California may bring in a larger amount, which it is desirable to return as quickly as possible to depositors, and therefore the refining capacity of the Mint should be not less than two millions per week, and since it requires about twelve days to refine and convert one million of bullion into coin, and sixteen days for two millions, the Mint should then have a bullion fund of not less than five or six millions of gold alone. Our bullion fund is [illegible] less than it was formerly, although [illegible] has recently expanded to its former extent.

In order that we might be relieved from the inconvenience arising from the before mentioned causes, I addressed the Superintendent of that Office a letter on the 12th inst. stating that it was desirable to transfer from that Office to the Mint, from 50 to 60,000 ounces of fine Silver, providing that it could be done without embarrassing their operations. I also requested that twenty of the porcelain pots furnished that Office by the Mint might be returned, to which I have not yet received a reply. If we could have the Amount of fine Silver & the number of porcelain pots above stated transfered, it would enable the Melter & Refiner to meet the increased work recently thrown upon ~~it~~ his Department, and the Mint to convert into coin with sufficient rapidity all the bullion that may hereafter be deposited for that purpose. I have now to request a transfer draft on the Treasurer of the Assay Office in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for $50,000 payable in fine Silver. I may add that the Assay Office will still retain a sufficient Amount of Silver for all the business they may have to do.

~~S. F. Butterworth Esqr~~

Hon James Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury

(Sign) J. R. S

Levi Am

June 11th 5

Sir,

I enclose a letter from Mr Rumvill to which I have to invite your attention. In order to strike the coins the working, dies will have to be prepared at the Mint. This will take some time and labor but I learn from the Engraver that it can be done without interfering with the business of his department; the striking can readily be performed, without interrupting the usual operation of coining.

It would be well to oblige the agent of the Peruvian government in this matter. If you approve of the request I would suggest that the time occupied in the work should be deducted from the Mint pay rolls, and paid for by Mr Rumvill. The preparation of the dies will require the service of two workmen say seven days. The striking of the coin can be done in a few hours.

Mr Rumvill proposes to present to the Mint cabinet a full set of the coin in question.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director U.S. Mint

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of The Treasury
Washington

Copy

Phil^a. June 16. 1855.

Hon. J R Snowden,

Dear Sir,

Having had constructed all the Machinery for the Mint for the Peruvian Government, from the patterns of the United States Mint in this City, which patterns I obtained through your goodness and that of the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury, I now beg leave to encroach once more upon your kindness for permission to have a set of Coins struck as proofs to take with me to Peru, as the machinery which is to serve that Government is finished and shipped, consequently there is no machinery appropriate except that in the United States Mint for the purpose

Reason for my having advanced so far as to tax your generosity a second time and which favor I trust will be duly appreciated by the Peruvian Government as well as by Your Obt Servt

Sign George Rumble

Engr. of Peruvian Mint

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

January 15th 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst, containing aſsay Memorandums of Gold & Silver bullion forwarded you on the 5th inst. also for the "Adams Expreſs Co" of $ 300.000. in gold coins and $ 951.77 in ſilver coins, in all $ 300.951.77 with which your a/c has been duly credited.

The ſteamer has arrived, bringing about five hundred thousand dollars, another remittance of like amount, will place me in a position to ſatisfy depositors by it.

The next California ſteamer will be due on the 22nd proxo & I trust that you are now enabled to anticipate the requirements of One & a quarter to One & a half Million of dollars to pay for deposits which it will probably bring.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
January 15th 1855

Sir,

The Department infers from a letter received from the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, dated the 13th inst. that the Treasurer of the Mint will be in a ~~fit~~ condition to transmit coins to that office in time to relieve it, for the present, from any apprehension of being unable to pay the Depositors of Bullion, but ~~in~~ expressing some fears of embarrassment on the arrival of Steamers hereafter.—

I will thank you to hasten as far as practicable the coinage at the mint, of the gold received from the Assay Office so as to make prompt returns and place the Office in a condition to meet the demands upon it without increasing the bullion fund.

Yours Very Respectfully
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden, Esq
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

January 13. 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. also of $275.000. in gold Coins & $2.293.58 in Silver dollars, in all $277.293.58 for the A. E. Co. & have Credited your account with the amount, this is about sufficient to satisfy depositors for the present Steamer.

Remittances during the next week in the same ratio, will prepare me for the arrival of the Steamer due on the 16th.

I notice your request in relation to the bags, but it will be impossible for me to comply with it entirely, as the Custom house is to pay & receive in bags without changing the Coins therefrom, the large bags will be forwarded with the next shipment of Unparted bars, on Monday or Tuesday.

I will thank you to forward me some blank Gold abstract sheets of the old form, for the purpose of sending you thereon my statements of Unparted bullion, the number required for Washington has absorbed nearly all in my possession, should you have a surplus of the new form on hand I should be pleased to receive from you, from twenty to thirty sheets.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
John J. Cisco Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U S Mint, Phila.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

January 11th 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th inst, also pr the Adams Express Co of Three hundred Thousand dollars in gold Coins, with which your account has been duly Credited.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

January 12th 1855

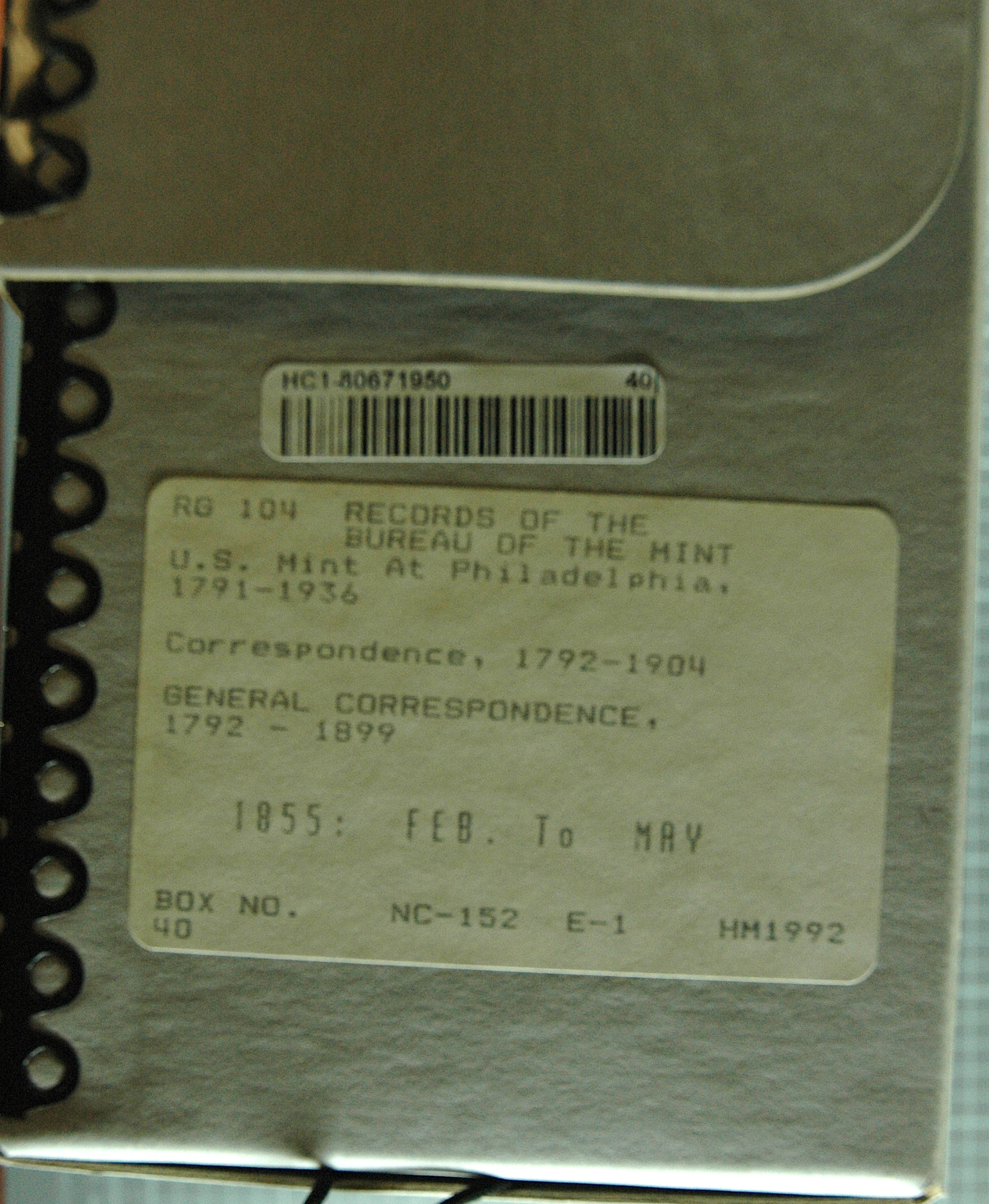
Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, containing Assay Memorandum for unparted gold bullion forwarded you on the 4th inst.

Also of One hundred fifty Thousand dollars in gold Coins, per the "Adams Express Co" which amount has been placed to your Credit.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U S Mint
Philadelphia



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U.S. Mint At Philadelphia,
1791-1936

Correspondence, 1792-1904

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792 - 1899

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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1855/FEBRUARY

February 3rd 5

Sir,

I have your favor of the 2nd inst in respect to the proportion of acid used in the refining of bullion, to which I will reply as soon as I can procure a statement from the New York Assay Office of the amount of acid used at that office.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your obedient servant
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 3 Feb. 1855.

Sir,

I herewith transmit for your perusal 4 copies of letters addressed by the First Auditor to the Treasurer of the Mint and to myself, together with the replies made thereto. You will perceive from this correspondence that the First Auditor instructs the Treasurers of the several Mints, and the Assay Office, in future, to "cause to be entered on the Assayers Reports the standard weight and value of gold bullion, adding on the reports the value of silver parted for the Depositor, and deducting the usual charges, in order to show the net value of each deposit on the face of the Report".

I am of opinion that the exceptions taken to this requirement by the Treasurer of the Mint, though brief and but partially expressed, were justly taken; but as, notwithstanding, the Auditor in his subsequent letter to myself renewed the expression of his wishes, I acceded thereto, though I was at the time, and still am unable to perceive any grounds therefor. It is, however, my aim, in my official conduct, to act always in a spirit of accommodation, and I abstained from offering any objections. Upon further considering the matter, and observing the amount of additional labor which this instruction will impose upon clerks already abundantly occupied, I deem it my duty to make an attempt to have it withdrawn. To this end, although I have full confidence in the good dispositions of the Auditor, I presume that, in view of the last paragraph of your letter of the 29th ult, "it will be more proper that I should address my communication directly to the head of the Department". Perhaps it is appropriate for me to suggest that, in the reciprocal case of communications directing new rules of conduct by officers of the Mint, they should emanate from the head of the Department.

My objection to the Auditors instruction is that it requires, at a great expenditure of labor what is substantially a duplicate copy, on the Assayers Reports, of the identical particulars which are spread out clearly and in detail in the Calculation Abstract which accompanies the accounts. The same work in other words must be done twice. This, so far as I can perceive, is not required by law, or by any special convenience, and seems to me but a waste of time and labor.

The present practice of the Mint relative to the Assay Reports, the calculations, and the mode of stating them in the Accounts is as follows.

By the 17th section of the Mint Act of Jan. 18, 1837 it is provided "That the Assayer shall report to the Treasurer the quality or standard of the bullion assayed by him, and he shall also communicate to the Treasurer such information as will enable him to estimate the amount of the charges." &c. I herewith annex a copy of our form of Assay Report, in order that you may see its correspondence in all respects to the requirements of law. It states the "quality or standard", by reporting the proportion of precious metal in the whole mass, and gives the requisite "information" for an "estimate" of charges. It would appear, from the Auditor's letter to myself, that he interprets this section as requiring an entry, on the Assay Report, of those particulars of standard weight, value, deductions, and net value, which his instructions require. But clearly these do not constitute any part of the *Assayer's* report, which is complete when the *quality* of the bullion and the information for deducing the charges have been stated. The 19th section expressly states "That from the Report of the Assayer and the weight of the bullion, the *Treasurer* shall estimate the whole value of each deposit, and also the amount of the charges or deductions, if any." From which it is evident that not only is the Assayer in no manner responsible for these particulars, but that there is an apparent impropriety in placing them upon his report, and thus making him seem to vouch for their accuracy. By a very strained interpretation, indeed, the word "standard" in the 17th section, might be construed to mean "standard *weight*", and so require the insertion of that one, at least, of the several particulars required by the Auditor; but, in my judgment, the collocation demonstrates that the word was used simply as synonymous with the word *quality* which precedes, meaning the *fineness*, or proportional weight of pure metal. Such, in fact, is its current meaning. We speak of the standard of our coin as 900 fine, of the British as 11/12ths fine, &c. By standard *weight* quite a different idea is intended, namely the weight which bullion of any given quality will yield in bullion of the standard required by law for coin, in our case 900 fine. If the law had meant to require the Assayer to report both the standard (or quality) and the standard *weights* we may presume that it would have been so expressed.

From the Assayer's Report, embracing the gross weight of the bullion, its quality, and information as to the charges, the Treasurer, as required by the 19th section, proceeds to estimate the standard weight, gross value, additions, deductions, and net value of the deposit. These particulars are entered on the Calculation Abstract of which I annex a specimen. This Abstract, conveniently bound for easy reference is sent with the Treasurers accounts to the Auditor.

You are now requested particularly to observe that every item which the Auditor wishes placed on the Assayers Reports is entered on this Abstract; further, that this abstract is the only source from which such items can be derived; and, consequently, that the entries required are simply a re-copy on the detached Assay Report of particulars already set out in order on the calculation abstract. I confess I am quite unable to perceive any reasons for this duplication of labor. No complaint has been made that the Calculation Abstract is imperfect in its form, or inconvenient for reference. If it be so, perhaps on the defects being made known it could be improved. And of course the system proposed can be of no manner of use in verifying the accuracy of the calculations, since the entries are but copies of the Abstract, and will partake of its errors. And even if there could be pointed out some advantage in the course proposed, yet it should be such as clearly to outweigh and compensate for the labor imposed. That this will be very considerable is manifest; but as a more direct proof to the point I may state, that during the 4th quarter of 1854 we received at this Mint 909 gold, and 580 silver deposits, total, 1489, as to each one of which the multifarious particulars demanded must be copied from the Abstract.

Upon the whole I feel it my duty to ask that this onerous instruction be withdrawn. In so doing, it is proper for me to state, so far as this Mint is concerned, ([illegible]) that the Clerks are at all times ready cheerfully to perform whatever may be required of them, but I am for that very reason loth that they should have any task imposed the necessity or convenience of which is not apparent.

I have the honor to be, with great respect
your faithful servant
James Ross Snowden.
Director

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington.

Copies & Extracts.

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
Oct. 26, 1854.

Hon. Dan'l Sturgeon
Treasr. U.S. Mint, Philada.

Sir,

In future you will please cause to be entered on the Assayers Reports the standard weight and value of gold bullion, adding on the Report the value of Silver parted for the depositor, and deducting the usual charges, in order to show the net value of each deposit on the face of the report. x x x Very respectfully, your obdt. servt.

(signed) T. L. Smith
Auditor

Sir..

Mint of the United States
Philada. Oct. 27, 1854

Sir,,

x x x x I may state that the particulars you desire to have noted would be singly copied from the calculation sheet, and their entry on the assay Report could therefore in no manner serve to check the accuracy of such calculation. This being the case I am at a loss to know what object will be gained by thus presenting what is (substantially) but a duplecate calculation abstract. If an independant verification of the particulars mentioned, and their entry on the assay report, be thought necessary, a change in our practice will become indispensable; that practice being, at present, to verify the net value only, by a separate calculation from tables prepared here. The correspondence of such net value with that on the sheet, shows that the preliminary calculations of gross value, additions, deductions, and standard weight were severally correct, since an error in any one of them would have affected the net value likewise

Very respectfully &c

(signed) Robert Patterson
Actg. Treasr.

T. L. Smith, Esq.
First Auditor &c
Washington

Treasury

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
Dec. 21st 1854.

Jas. Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

I transmit herewith an extract* from a letter addressed to Hon. Danl. Sturgeon Treasurer U.S. Mint under date of 26th October last, with the request that you will instruct the Treasurers of the Branches at San Francisco and New Orleans to comply with the suggestions therein contained. It is proper here to remark that the reply of Mr Robert Patterson then acting Treasurer, apprehended the necessity of a change in their present system of rendering the bullion accounts, in order to comply with my suggestions. No such change having been intended, or considered necessary to a compliance with my suggestions, the request was renewed under date of 15th inst; and I am satisfied that the additional entries upon the Assayers Reports will afford increased facilities in the examination of the Bullion accounts in this office, and would seem to be required by the 17th section of the act of Jan. 18, 1837.

very respectfully, Your obdt servt
(signed) T. L. Smith
Auditor.

*(See Extract in first copy foregoing)

Mint of the United States
Philada. Dec. 23d. 1854.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. with the extract enclosed.

I do not think that the 17th sect. of the Mint Act of Jan. 18, 1837 requires the Assayers Report to present the Standard weight, but only "the quality or standard of the bullion assayed by him, that is to say the fineness. But as you are of opinion that the additional entries will "afford increased facilities in the examination of the bullion accounts," I will instruct the proper officers of the Branch Mints & the Assay Office to cause the Assayers Reports to be prepared in accordance with your suggestions.

I am very respectfully
(signed) James Ross Snowden
Director

T. L. Smith, Esq.
1st Audr. Treasy
Washington

Treasury Department,
February 3d 1855.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 30th ult, I have to state, that this Department has not changed its views in regard to the dinner heretofore given to the gentlemen who have made the Annual Aſsay, it being against its taste and judgement for refreshments to be given in such an establishment as the Mint. The Department will not, however, give a peremptory order in the matter. It regards the number and description of persons to be included at such entertainments as of minor importance, the eſsential point being the unsuitableneſs and incongruity of such proceedings to the character of an institution of so much importance & of such delicate and interesting functions.

Very respectfully,
Your obdt. servt.
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

J. Roſs Snowden Esq.,
Director of the Mint.

Clark County Bank.

HERTZLER, HARRISON & CO.

Springfield, Ohio, Jany 20 1855

Mr Director of the Mint Phila

Dear Sir:

We are in Receipt of your favor of the — Inst

How soon may we expect to receive the new Copper Coin you expect to issue.

Yours truly
Hertzler Harrison & Co

Feb. 3d 5

Gentlemen:

In reply to your favor of the 30th ulto I have to state that the new cent cannot be issued without an act of Congress authorizing it. A few specimens were issued by me, and I transmitted to the Treasury Department a *projet* of a law to authorize them.

Very Respectfully

James Ross Snowden
Director.

Messrs Hartzler, Harrison & Co
Springfield
Ohio

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

February 3d 1855.

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of yesterday noticing error in groſs weight of unparted gold bullion transmitted to you on the 1st inst, which ſhould have been as you ſtate 28.882.74 oz instead of 28.684.26 – also for the "Adams Expreſs Co" of $175.000. in gold Coins, and have placed the amount to your Credit.

In consequence of a representation made to the Secretary of the Treasury, that the portion of the Bullion Fund at this Office, consisting of fine bars, was too ſmall for the present demand, I have received from him a draft upon you, in my favor, for $500.000. payable in unparted bullion; this draft to be forwarded to the Mint in lieu of $500.000. of unparted bullion, and to be paid by the Treasurer of the Mint in gold Coins, which draft I ſhall transmit to you, when you inform me that you are prepared to pay the ſame.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Sert.

John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U.S. Mint. Phila.

United States Assay Office.

New York, Feb. 3, 1855.

Sir,

I send enclosed my check on the Assistant Treasurer at N.Y. for $1561.21, in payment of the bill of the Mint, for articles furnished this Office, transmitted in your letter of the 30th ult.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.,
Saml. F. Butterworth
Supt.

Hon. Daniel Sturgeon,
Treasurer of the Mint,
Philada.

Feb 5. 1855

Sir,

I write in behalf of the Metropolitan Mechanics Institute to request that you will forward to me by Adams' Express, the dies of the medal of the Institute now in the Cabinet of the Mint and oblige

Very Respectfully
Your obedt servt
Joseph Henry
President Met. Mech. Inst.

Director of the U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia

Feb 9, 5.

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 6th inst I have this day forwarded by Adams & Co Express the dies of the Medal of the Metropolitan Mechanics Institute.

I am, very Respectfully,
H R Linderman
for the Director.

Joseph Henry Esqr
President Metr. Mech. Inst.
Washington City

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 5th 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3d inst, as also of Two hundred & forty one thousand, & ten 47/100ths dollars, in Gold Coins, per the "Adams Express Co" which amount has been placed to the Credit of your a/c.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr US Mint
Philadelphia

P.S. In memo of the 18th ulto, Assay No 151. Wght 539.17 the fineness is stated as 894. & calculation made at 894½ please inform me which is correct.

Treasury Department
Feb 15. 1855.

Sir

Your letter of the 24th ulto. in relation to the disposition of the Sweeps of the Mint was duly received, and you are authorised to reject the bid referred to unless the bidder or some one else will give the price heretofore realized, of 85 cents, and to direct the shipment of the Sweeps, as heretofore, to an Agent in Europe, for sale to the highest bidder.

I am very Resp'y
James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of Mint
Phila.

Feb. 6th 5

Dear Sir.

As one of the ex *officio* Commissioners of the annual Assay I beg to put in remembrance that this duty will be performed on next Monday; and I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you at the Mint at 9, o'clock A.M. on that day.

Very truly & Respectfully

J. R. Snowden
Director

J. E. Ca[illegible] Esq.
[illegible]
[illegible]

Feb. 6th 5

Dear Sir,

I beg to put you in remembrance that on Monday next the annual Assay will take place. I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you at 9 o'clock A.M.

Yours Respectfully
and truly
James R. Snowden
Director

Hon. Chas. Brown
Collector of the Customs
Phila

Feb 6th

Dear Sir,

I beg to remind you that the annual Assay will take place next Monday. I will be happy to see you at the Mint, at 9 o'clock A. M. if it will suit your convenience.

Yours very truly
and Respectfully

James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. J. K. Kane
Judge U.S. Court
East. District of Penna.

Treasury Department
Feb: 2. 1855.

Sir

I enclose herewith for your examination & report a letter received from Mr. Alexander Vattemare. — Be pleased to state what will be the Cost of the Coins in duplicate

I am very Respe
James Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury.

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philada.

Feb. 6, 1855

1855

A medical Department
Legally instituted
becoming more
apparent every day

Feb. 6th 5

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 3d inst. enclosing a Communication to the Department from M. Vattemare, I have to state that a duplicate series of all the coins struck at the Mint from 1850. to 1855 will cost $\$497.\frac{28}{100}$. that being the value of the coins in question.

If it is the desire of the Department that copies of the medals struck since 1850 should be furnished it can be done, but it is somewhat inconvenient and expensive to strike one or two copies only at a time. The establishment of the Medal organization heretofore recommended will enable us to meet in a satisfactory manner these calls upon us, and provide for our own National and State Institutions.

The importance of some legalized system is becoming every day more apparent.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful Servant.

James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

February 6. 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th inst; also of Two hundred thousand dollars in gold coins, per the "A. E. Co." as part payment of Transfer draft No 1640. dated the 2nd inst. upon you, in my favor, for $500,000.

The Superintendent of this Office, has written to the Director of the Mint, asking to be allowed to retain the fine silver here; should he assent to it, the draft on me, in your favor, for $17,500. may be treated as an additional payment upon the above draft for $500,000.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U S Mint
Philadelphia

February 7, 5.

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 18th ulto. I send you to day a copy of my Annual Report for 1853 and present for your information the following Statement of the Coinage at the Mint and Branches for 1854.

Coinage at the Mint & its Branches during 1854.

In Gold Coins	$25,915,918.50
" Fine Gold Bars	20,537,172.92
" Unparted Bars	5,641,504.05
" Silver Coins	8,619,270.00
" Copper Coins	42,638.35
Total:	$60,756,503.82

Your letter was accidentally mislaid, hence the delay in complying with your request. Any further information you may desire respecting the Operations of the Mint will be cheerfully furnished,

Very Respt
H. R. Linderman
for the Director.

H S Lossing Esqr
N.Y.

J. R. Snowden Esq
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

My dear Sir

As I have to make some preparation for leaving home; will you let me know whether the duties at the Mint under my appointment will occupy more than a day in Philadelphia. I have your note of the 5th. and will leave here D.V. Sunday Evening.

Most truly Yours
Jno H. B. Latrobe
Feby. 6. 1855.

Feb. 7. 8.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 6th inst I have to state that your services at the Mint as one of the Assay Commissioners will be required for one day only. We shall be pleased to see you at the Mint on Monday next at 9 o'clock A.M.

I am, Very Respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
for the Director.

Mr. H B Latrobe, Esqr,
Baltimore,
Md.

Brownsville Tennessee
February 8th 1855.

Sir-

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be examined, the Books of the Mint for the months of May, June & July 1850 & ascertain (if any) what amount of Gold dust was deposited for coinage in the name of Henry A. G. Lee - or H. A. G. Lee & Co. - Col Lee came to the City of New York in 1850 from Oregon with a considerable amount of Gold dust supposed to be about $10.000. & is thought to have had it coined at your Mint in Phila. Col Lee died at Panama in or about first of October 1850 & the trunk containing his Vouchers was lost or at least has never been heard of by his Family now & his partner one I. W. Moss of Oregon brings his Estate in debt by charging Lees Estate with all the funds brought out to the States & giving no credit for any returned - Col Lee served his Country with distinction in the Cayuse Indian War in Oregon & his family ought to be entitled to his pay for these services - but Moss has as Adr. in Oregon has got possession of the award & claims it—

I have been retained by the friends of Col Lee's family to find out about these funds &c & &c and if possible I am to discover evidence to show that he appropriated for himself & partner—

If your Books show the fact that he deposited them—it may also show the additional fact of how he drew it out & by that means I may discover what kind of game he finished with it. Gov Lane Delegate in Congress from Oregon says he was personally intimately acquainted with Col Lee & that no one had higher character for intelligence or integrity—

I will thank you to have the information sought sent to me at this place at an early day.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
C. C. Batte

Hon.
Superintendent of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa—

February 20. 5.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. in reply to which I have to state that I have caused the "Register of Deposits of Gold bullion" to be examined for the months of May, June and July 1850, which exhibit that on the 6th of June 1850 a deposit of 278.24 of Gold bullion, was made at the Mint in the name of H. A. G. Lee, the proceeds of which amounting to $5.190.12 were paid on the 14th of June 1850 to Ludlow, Beebe & Co. of this City, ~~which was~~ at that time a branch of the firm of Beebe & Co. of New York, but which does not now exist. If you were to address Messrs. Beebe & Co. of New York City, presenting the above facts, they might be able to state what disposition was made by Ludlow, Beebe & Co. of the proceeds of that deposit after the same were paid to them by the Mint.

I am, very Respectfully
James Ross Snowden
Director.

C. C. Battle Esqr.
Brownsville
Tenn.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 8th 1855.

Sir

I herewith transmit to you, Transfer draft No. 1640, dated the 2nd inst, upon you in my favor, for Five hundred Thousand dollars, upon which remains due Two hundred & Eighty two thousand, five hundred dollars, which I will thank you to remit as early as possible.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

P.S. The Director having consented to allow the fine silver to remain in this Office, Credit has been given you upon the above draft, for $17.500.

February 9. 5.

Gentlemen:

I have to day the favr of your letter of December 27, 1854. In reply to which I have to state that the gold from California, although it sometimes contains a portion of iridium osmium, is accompanied with only a trace of platina, which is entirely lost in the process of refining the gold.

I am, Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant.
H R Linderman,
for the Director.

Messrs Desmoutis, Chapuis & Co.
Paris

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York, Feby 9th 1855

Daniel Sturgeon Esqr.
Treasurer of the U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir

I have been advised by the Department, of the issue of a transfer draft on you, in favor of Adams & Co. for $50,000. payable in silver coin, to supply this office. I telegraphed you this morning to send $25,000. in quarters — $10,000. in halves, $10,000. in dimes, and $5,000. in half dimes. I now write fearing the despatch may not reach you.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant.
Jno. J. Cisco
Asst Treasr.

Treasury Department,
Comptrollers Office.
Feby 1st 1855

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir.

Your account as Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia, for Ordinary Expenses, ending 30th September 1854, has been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance of $ 10.357.84 found to be due from you to the United States, instead of $ 10.353.06, as stated in your account, making a difference of $ 4.78. which arises as follows

To Error in Calculation of Wages of George Blee, in pay Roll with direction Warrant No. 269 (July) 26 d 1.90 = 49.40 add 12 h 16 = 1.92 = 51.32 charged $ 1.90
" John M McCormac, same pay Roll & Warrant. 31 d. at 1.90 = 58.90 add 12 h on 4 July = 2.28 = 61.18 $ 2.28
" Isaac Lowe, in pay Roll with Directors Warrant No. 329 (Sept) 26 d 2.20 = 57.20 less 6 d 22 1.32 55.88 due 56.48 paid $ .60
difference as above $ 4.78

February 12th., 5.

Sir:

I have just received notice of the arrival in New York of 3 cases containing porcelain pots used in our gold Refinery, marked W.H.S. #687, 688, 689. Since our stock of these pots is too small, I am anxious to have them here without delay, and would therefore request of you the favor to instruct the proper Custom house officer in New York to transmit them without opening to the Collector of this Port, or to the Mint, as we have already had several pots broken by opening and repacking the cases. If consistent with your views, I would also prefer a remission of duty upon them.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon: James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
February 12th 1855

Hon: Danl Sturgeon
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Account for the Quarter Ending 31st December last

Be pleased to forward the receipts of Mr Mason for $115.– and of Mr Penrose for $35.– for Kegs furnished to Geo. Summers and Charged on his bill with Directed Warrant No 21. 3d Qr: 1854 for Expenses incurred in the distribution of Silver Coins

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Svt:
T. L. Smith
Auditor

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 12. 1855.

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th inst, containing Aſsay Memorandum of Unparted gold bullion forwarded on the 1st inst.

Also for the "A. E. Co" of Three hundred Thousand dollars in gold coins, which amount has been placed to the credit of your Account.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt,
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
Feby 13th 1855

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 12th Inst. I have to inform you that the Collector at New York has been directed to admit to free entry the porcelain pots imported for the use of the United States Mint, and to ship the same to Philadelphia without delay.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
James Guthrie
Secy. of the Treasury

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philada.

February 13, 5.

Sir,

I have to inform you that the Annual Assay as constituted under the provisions of the 32nd Sect. of the Act of January 18, 1837, was held at the Mint yesterday, when the following Commissioners were in attendance, viz:

Hon. J.K. Kane, District Judge
Charles Brown, Esqr.
James C. Vandyke, Esqr. } Commissioners Ex officio.

Prof. J.W. Bailey
J.H.B. Latrobe, Esqr.
Dr. J.K. McClintock,
Dr. Andrew Bedford,
Hepburn McClure, Esqr. } Special Commissioners.

Dr. King and Prof. J.W. Draper of New York who had been designated as Special Commissioners were not present, having declined the appointment.

Enclosed will be found a table presenting the results of the trials made by the Commissioners. These results being satisfactory the Commissioners concluded their proceedings by a resolution "That the examination of the Gold and Silver coins reserved at the Mint and its Branches, in the year 1854, is in their judgement sufficient, and there appearing no greater deviation from the Standard fineness and weight than is allowed by Law, the trial is considered and reported as satisfactory."

The Commissioners also reported "that they had tested the weights of the Mint by comparing them with the Standa weights kept for that purpose, and found the correspondence satisfactory."

I have the honor to be,
With great Respect,
Your faithful Servant,

Director.

Hon James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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With great Respect,
Your faithful Servant,

Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Table exhibiting the result of the trial of the Gold and Silver Coins reserved at the Mint and Branches in the year 1854.

Mints.	Kinds of Metal and the particulars from whence taken	Standard Weight	Weight by Trial	Fineness by Trial
Philadelphia.	Gold Coins reserved $11,548.	620.705	620.733	
	Silver Coins reserved exclusive of Dollars $352,30	286.64	286.76	
	Dollars reserved $7.	6.01	6.01	
	A Bar from melt of Gold coins,			900.0
	A Bar from melt of Silver coins,			900.4
New Orleans.	Gold Coins reserved $1,274.50.	68.504	68.513	
	Silver Coins do $649.	519.20	519.29	
	Bar from Melt of Gold Coins,			900.7
	Bar from melt of Silver coins,			901.3
San Francisco.	Gold coins reserved $2,992.50	160.847	160.848	
	Bar from melt of Gold coins,			899.0
Charlotte.	Gold Coins reserved $250.	13.437	13.438	
	Bar from melt of Gold coins,			899.3
Dahlonega.	Gold Coins reserved $605.	32.519	32.520	
	Bar from melt of Gold coins,			898.6

Mint of the United States
Philada. Feb. 13. 1855.

Sir,

Upon receiving your letter of the 2nd inst. asking my knowledge of the proportions of acid employed in refining gold in this Mint and elsewhere, I addressed the Supt. of the Assay Office, asking the proportion employed there. I have received his reply, stating the amount of acid employed from the commencement of their operations to the close of January last. From this and the amount of gold refined at the Office, I have calculated the proportion of acid to be about 21,100 lb for each million of bullion refined. Our Melter and Refiner has also calculated the proportion employed in this Mint during the whole of the year 1854, which is 21.400 for the same amount of bullion. I may here observe, that after an establishment has been at work for some time, occasional deposits are made of such a character as to require a charge of gold, say $500.000, to be worked over again at a double loss of acid, in order to bring it to a suitable fineness. I may further observe, that the proportion above given, may be somewhat reduced by increasing the time of refining, but I have thought it desirable to economize time rather than acid.

The report from the Assay Office to me is not very full or explicit, and I learn that the Superintendent has addressed a reply to the Department on the point in question. If any improvements are made or suggested there, I would be glad to be informed of them. I may add that the Assay Office has received the benefits of the long experience of this Mint, and been aided in all its operations to the extent of our ability.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your Obt. Servant

James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 13th 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th inst, enclosing Aſsay Memorandum for unparted gold bullion transmitted you on the 2nd inst.

I have this day forwarded by the "Adams Expreſs Co" 385 bags, viz. 93 large & 292 small.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U S Mint
Philadelphia

P.S. Please inform me if No 240 was remelted before being Aſsayed.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 14. 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst announcing the Transmiſsion of \$300.000 in gold Coins for the "A. E. Co". which have not been rec^{d}, although I learn from them of their arrival at the dock.

In your Memorandum of the 2nd inst. Aſsay N^{o} 220. is stated @ f 898. & calculated at 898½ – N^{o} 248. Stan^{d} Weight is derived from 974.44 groſs Wt which on statement is 974.18 – N^{o} 249. Silver is reported f. 112. & calculated 122. I will thank you to give me the correct statement in regard to these points.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas^{r} U S Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,
Treasurer's Department.

February 10th 1855.

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th inst. also of $282.500. in gold Coins per the "Adams Expreſs Co". which amount together with that of Transfer draft No 1623. $17.500.– as alluded to, in mine of the 8th inst – and your remittance of $200.000. on the 6th inst. makes full payment for Transfer draft No 1640. transmitted to you on the 8th inst.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

U. S. Assay Office,
New York, Feby 14th 1855

Dear Sir.

I have been requested by Mr Torrey, Assayer at this Office to inquire, whether Deposit No 240, sent to the Mint, was remelted, before the fineness thereof was reported by the Assayer there.. An early answer will oblige,

Respectfully
Yours Obdt Servt
Sam F. Butterworth
Supt

Hon. Jas. R. Snowden.
Director &c.

not re melted. no ~~appearance~~ Assay slip taken off the bar when it came here.

14 Feb.

4 corresponding assays..

Febr. 16th 5

Sir,

I received this morning your letter of the 14th inst. On inquiry I learn that on the 14th the Treasurer of the Mint wrote to Mr. Cisco in respect to the Assay of deposit No. 240, which I suppose was not received when you wrote.

It appears that the deposit in question was not re-melted here, and that no assay slip appears to have been taken off when it reached us.

The report of our assayer was the result of four confirmatory assays.

Yours Respectfully

James Ross Snowden
Director

Saml. F. Butterworth Esq
Supt. Assay Office
New York.

P.S. I expect to hear soon from the Quarter Master Genl. at Washington in regard to the Bars. It appears the exchange cannot be made without authority from Head Quarters.

85
23
266.55
59 26
729 53

1,163.34
224 00

$1,387, 34

From & To
S. F. Butterworth
Supt. Mng. Co.

As to an assay of
Deposit No. 240

16th Feb 1855

3,413.00
24,000.00
1,670.00
6,345.11
7,602.10

$43.030 1 2½

86060 20
21515 05

$1.075.75.75

17500 2½

35000
8750

43750

39

44000 2½

88000
22000

$1.100.00
437

$1.537
500

Hall of the Ho. of Reps.
Washington D.C. Feb. 15th 1855.

Dear Sir,

On yesterday I reported from the Committee on Printing a resolution to print five hundred copies of your report as Director of the mint — It passed without objection.

I am
Resp'y
Yours
S. L. Russell

Col. J. R. Snowden }
Phila. Pa. }

Ans.d Feb 16, 1855. and called his attention to the fact that the "Union" states the resolution to print embraces the fineness & value tabl. & Sec. of Treas.'s ~~[illegible]~~ Stated the 2 reports. & requested him to see to ~~the binding~~ the printing in same manner as last year. & sent him a copy of last year's Rept.+

+ also suggested that 200 be [illegible] glad to have [illegible] sent me of [illegible] [illegible].

From S L Russel &c
Washington

Motion to Print
500 copies
of Directors
Annual Report

Feb 16, 1855

Banking and Exchange Office of G. F. Lewis,

CORNER OF SUPERIOR AND UNION STREETS,

Cleveland, Ohio, Febuary 17 1855

Hon Dirictor of the U S Mint
Phillidalphia Pa

Sir

will you be kind enough to informe me whether the new Small cents are yet coinid if so how can I obtaine $100 worth of them

I have a keg of the oald issue very few not more than $2 or $3 used out of it will you Exchange them for new cents if I returne them

Yours

G. F. Lewis

Ans.d Feb 20. 1855. Stated that the laws were not passed &c. I sent him a newspaper copy of my last annual report.

J. R. S.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 15th 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your two letters of the 13th & 14th insts, and also pr the "Adams Expreſs Co" of Four hundred & Sixty five thousand dollars in gold Coins, which have been placed to the Credit of your a/c

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
John J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U S Mint
Philadelphia

P.S. The records both of the Aſsayer and the Treasurer show that Aſsay slips were taken from numbers 240 and 237.

Taunton Feby 17. 1855

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Tr. U.S. Mint at Phila
Dear Sir

We have yr favor of the 14th inst, enclosing draft at Merchants Bank New York for \$1485 90/100 in full settlement of an invoice of Copper Planchets No 13, as per your statement therewith.

Respy yours

Crocker Bro & Co

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 19th 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th also per the "Adams Express Co" of Two hundred thousand dollars in gold Coins, which amount I have credited to your account.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J. Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Feb 20th 5

Dear Sir,

It gave me much pleasure to cause the medals for your association to be struck at the Mint, and I am happy to learn that they have been done satisfactory. Your favor of the 6th inst has been referred to me, and I wish to make a suggestion in regard to the preservation of the dies. viz: as I am asking for the establishment of a medal department it would be agreeable to me if you could allow the dies to remain in the Mint. In order that you may understand my views on this subject more fully I send you a newspaper in which is contained an imperfect copy of my recent report to the President of the United States.

I would be glad to have your
views upon this matter in so far
as it may comport with the
interest of your association to allow
~~them~~ the dies to remain here.

I am very Respectfully

James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

John H. White Esqr
President.
~~Cryptic~~ [illegible]
N[illegible]

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 20 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, also of One hundred & fifty thousand dollars in gold coins per the Adams Express Co. which amount has been placed to your Credit.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt.
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U.S. Mint
Phila.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 23 1855

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst. & also of Two hundred & Eighteen Thousand, one hundred & twenty two 28/100 Dollars in gold Coin, per the "Adams Express Co", which amount has been placed to your Credit.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 24th 1855

Sir

I have recd your letter of the 23d inst. also Two hundred & fifty thousand dollars in gold coins per the Adams Express Co and the same has been duly credited.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
John J Cisco
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia.

Post off Richmond Va
Feb 24. 1855

Dr. Sir.

Be pleased to find Enclosed Purcell &Co No. 4906 on Hutchinson and Jacobs Philada for $100 the value of which be pleased to cause it to be forwarded in the new Coinage of Cents for the use of this office

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt servt.
Tho: B: Bigger
P.M

To the
Treasurer
of U S Mint
Philada
Pa

Treasury Department
February 24. 1855

Sir:

Application has been again made to this Department to increase the salaries of Mr McIlvaine and Mr Castilla from $1500 to $1800. The law of last session authorized the President to fix the salaries not exceeding $1800 per annum. He fixed two at $1800 per annum, and two at $1500, and upon application, refused to change the salaries as he had arranged them.

These applications, repeated in this way, are in bad taste towards the executive, and under the circumstances, I feel a delicacy in again approaching him on the subject—

I wish you would give the character of business performed by the two $1800 and by the two $1500 Clerks, and the qualifications required for each, with the comparative labors of each in order that I may see whether there are any just grounds to apply again to the President upon the subject— $1800, is the highest grade of salary allowed in Washington to the best Clerks in the employ of the Government, and Washington is far more expensive than Philadelphia and the labor in Philadelphia much less than in Washington

I could send from Washington 100 good Clerks who would be gratified to get a $1500 Clerkship—

I am, Very Respectfully

James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

J. Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia
Pa

Dear Sir

allow us to enquire if old silver coin is purchased at the mint —

If they are inform us if you please what the following named coins are worth when of full weight & finess —

American Whole, Halves & Quarters
Spanish & Mexican Whole & halves
One - two - five & Six franc pieces
German Thallers
English Half Crowns, Shilling & Sixpency ps

We would ask if you buy them in quantities of Fifty Dollars & upwards —

Respectfully your obt
Jno Poor Mills

Carbondale Luzerne Co Pa
Feb 26 1855.

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Director U. S. Mint.

Baltimore 26 February 1855

Dear Sir,

Your courtesy when I had the pleasure of seeing you, a twelvemonth since, at the Mint, prompts this note and induces me to think that the suggestion may not be unacceptable to you

In reading over this evening your Report on the Fineneſs of Foreign Coins (Ex. Doc. N° 65. H.R. of present Seſsion) I was struck with an apparent discrepancy in the values aſsigned to the Dollars of Mexico from those of the other coins in the List ; and unleſs I am myself in fault in the calculation I made shortly to verify it, there has been some clerical error.

I should not have thought it neceſsary or becoming to make the ſuggestion ; except that what I am thus supposing to be an error is carried out also in the last column of Mint price and so has a practical consequence.

I beg you to excuse, if necessary, the liberty I take of thus referring to you; and shall be obliged by your informing me at your convenience if I am correct or no.

Meanwhile, dear Sir, with respectful Compliments,

I remain

Y J H Alexander

Ans^d. by stating that the copy I had seen as published by order of the Senate was full of errors. but had not seen the copy published by the H. Reps. Stated I had taken means to have corrected copies printed, &c. &c. and thanked him for his attention,

Feb. 28. 1855.

U. S. Mint.
Office of Melter & Refiner
Phila. 26. Feb. 1855

Dear Sir

I herewith respectfully Report, that the number & distribution of my hands is as follows:

	Deposite	Gold melting	Silver melting	Parting	Sweep	Watch &c
Foreman	1	1		1		
Hands	3	4	11	13	3	3
	4	5	11	14	3	3

making a total of 40 hands at the close of this month. The number last month was 43, but one granulator & 2 refiners were sent by request of Supt. to the N. Y. Assay Office after the 1st. Feb.

The general attendance of the men has been good during the ~~past~~ present month, & their attention to duties not to be complained of. At present we could dispense with the services of some ten of the hands from the parting & silver melting rooms, but since we do not know whether we may not be called upon to refine gold for coinage, it may be advisable to retain them some time longer.

Very respectfully yours
Jas. C. Booth
M & R.

J. R. Snowden, Esq.
Director, U. S. Mint

Feb. 27th. 5.

Sir,

I have your letter of the 24th inst in which you inform me that the Treasurer of the Mint has made an application to have the salaries of two of his clerks, viz. Messrs McIlvain and Costello, increased from $1500. to $1800, and that you desire me to state the character of business performed by the two $1800. and by the two $1500 clerks. In reply I have to state that the $1800. clerks are, 1. Mr Robert Patterson, who has charge of the Treasurer's correspondence — the Copper transactions — preparing pay rolls. keeping accounts of deposits &c. 2. Mr Geo. F. Lelaker, who has the custody, under the Treasurer, of the coin struck at the mint, and has charge of the payments of the gold and silver warrants and the warrants for the ordinary expenses of the mint. Mr Joseph C. Costello ($1500) keeps the Journal and Ledger of bullion transactions, prepares the accounts and abstracts of the same for settlement at Washington — Also the accounts for settlement of the ordinary and Copper accounts, and assists, when not otherwise employed, in copying & preparing letters and documents for [illegible] the Treasurer. Mr James McIlvain ($1500) is the clerk of the Assistant Treasurer U.S. and has, under that officer, the charge of all the transactions, including the department of business, in that office.

These several Clerkships require great accuracy, skill and fidelity and their duties are performed in a satisfactory manner.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful Servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie.
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

J. Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director of U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.
Dear Sir:

U. S. Mint
Chief Coiners Dept.
Philada. Feby 28. 1855

I beg leave to report that the various Departments under my immediate control are in a perfect state of discipline.

It is now more than a year since the Engine & Boilers have been repaired and overhauled, and at this time they require attention very much. The boilers need cleaning, the furnaces require lining, the furnace bars are entirely worn - so much so that a great loss occurs in the Fuel and Steam, as well as considerable risk to all persons connected with the Mint. Accidents frequently occur from slight defects as above mentioned. It will occupy at least a week to make the necessary repairs. I would suggest that as much Gold and Silver be rolled and cut during the present week as will enable us to keep the Coining and Adjusting Departments employed during the repairing; and that the immediate demands for coin, on the Treasurer, may be supplied.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Geo. K. Childs
Chief Coiner

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, February 28, 1855.

Monthly Count of Balances

Treasury of Mint U.S.

Balance, as stated on Books of Treasurer's a/c. $1,056,958.78

Sub-Treasury of the U.S.

Balance on hand, as stated by Books a/c. $735,819.36

Balance, by actual count.

Vault No:2 – 12 bags of $5,000. each =	$60,000.00
" (Sub-Treasury) 130 " " $ " " –	$650,000.00
" " 1 " " $3,000. –	3,000.00
" " 12 " " $1,000. each –	12,000.00
" " 4 pans – containing change –	7,051.00
Counter-Box – containing in change	3,468.36
" " " receipt for $300 (silver)	300.00

Total on hand $735,819.36 – as above stated.

Balances of Coin by count:

Gold Coins:

Vault No.1. 64 bags of $5,000. each –	$320,000.
11 " " $3,000. "	33,000.
25 " " $1,000. "	25,000.
2 " " "remnants"	2,060.
Total in Vault No:1.	$380,060.
Vault No:3 – 7 Gold Stamped Bars. –	$5,678.03
Payment Till – (Counter-Box)	12,482.50

Total in Gold Coins. $397,220.53

Silver Coins.

Vault No:1 – 1 bag remnants		$911.00
" " 3. 29 bags of $30 each –	$870.00	
" " " 131 " " $1000. " =	$131,000.00	$131,870.00
" " " Total therein	$131,870.00	
" " 10 513 bags of $1000. –	$513,000.00	
" " " 90 " " $30.	2,700.00	515,700.00
" " " Total therein	$515,700.00	
65 Pans of $100. each		6,500.00
Counter Box – in change		590.20

Total in Silver coins $655,571.20

Box – "Ordinary Fund"	$3352.95
" "Copper Fund"	814.10
Total	$4167.05

Recapitulation:

In Gold Coins by count	$397,220.53
" Silver " "	655,571.20
" Ord.y & Copper Funds "	4,167.05
Total	$1,056,958.78 – as above

February 28th. 5

Sir:

I enclose duplicate statement of the Operations of this Mint during the month ending with to-day.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful Servant:
James Ross Snowden.
Director:

Hon: James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Statement of Deposits and Coinage

At the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia.

During the Month of February 1855

Gold Bullion Deposited

Silver	"	1116,000.	120,000.
Copper,	"		

Total No. of pieces, 1,652,067 Total value, $3,333,725.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, February 28, 1855.

S. R. Snowden.
Director U.S. Mint.

Statement of Deposits and Coinage

At the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia,

During the Month of February 1855

Gold Bullion Deposited.

	Value.
From California,	$ 1,176,130.
Other sources,	$ 16,870.
Total Gold Deposits,	$ 1,193,000.

Silver Bullion Deposited,

Including Silver Purchases,	$ 75,300.
Total Gold and Silver Deposits,	$ 1,268,300.

Coinage Executed.

GOLD.

Denomination.	No. of Pieces.	Value.
Double Eagles,	129,718	$ 2,594,360.
Eagles,	27,892 278,920	278,920.
Half Eagles,	21,515	107,575.
3 Dollars	11,170	33,510.
Quarter Eagles.	69,744	174,360.
Dollars,	25,000.	25,000.
Total,	536,067	$ 3,213,725.

SILVER.

Dollars,		
Half Dollars,	92,000.	46,000.
Quarter Dollars,	104,000.	26,000.
Dimes,	140,000.	14,000.
Half Dimes,	780,000.	34,000.
Three Cent Pieces,		
Total,	1,116,000	$ 120,000.

COPPER.

Cents,		$
Half Cents,		
Total,		$

RECAPITULATION.

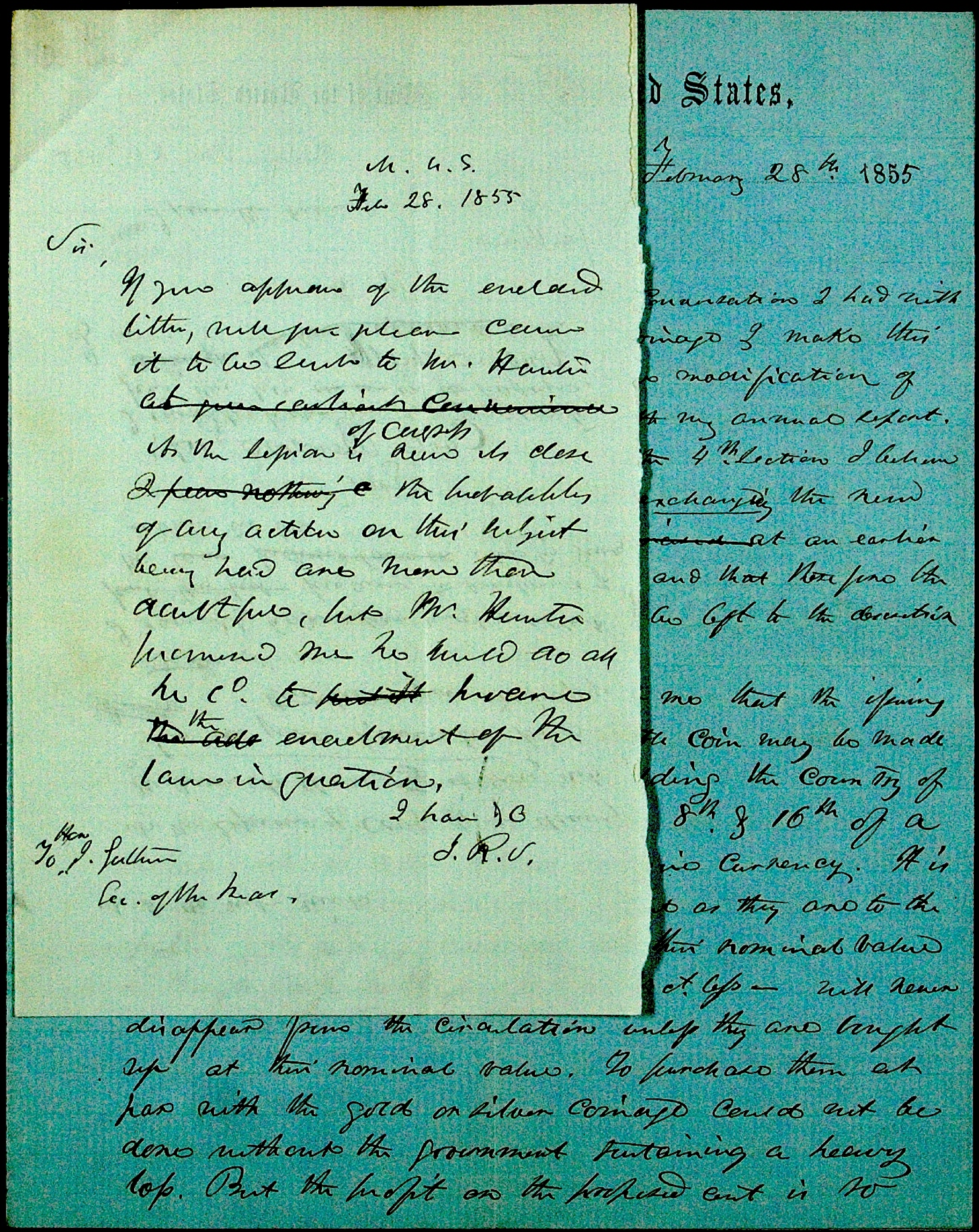
Gold Coinage,	536,067.	$ 3,213,725.
Silver "	1116,000.	120,000.
Copper, "		
Total No. of pieces,	1,652,067	Total value, $ 3,333,725.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, February 28, 1855.

J. R. Snowden.

Director U. S. Mint.



M. U. S.
Feb. 28. 1855

Sir,

If you approve of the enclosed letter, will you please cause it to be sent to Mr. Hunter ~~at your earliest convenience~~ As the session of Congress is near its close ~~I fear nothing,~~ & the probabilities of any action on this subject being had are more than doubtful, but Mr. Hunter promised me he would do all he co. to ~~[illegible]~~ procure ~~the act~~ the enactment of the laws in question,

I have &c
J. R. S.

Hon. J. Guthrie
Sec. of the Treas.

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February 28th 1855

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Feb. 26th 1855

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, February 28th 1855

Dear Sir,

In consequence of the conversation I had with you in regard to the proposed cent coinage I make this communication with a view to some modification of the project of a law submitted with my annual report.

Upon a re-examination of the 4th section I believe it ~~may~~ be found expedient, ~~that~~ to exercise the power of exchanging the new cents for the old ones ~~should be exercised~~ at an earlier period than one year as proposed, and that therefore the time of issuing ~~of~~ the public notice should be left to the discretion of the Director and Secretary.

It has also occurred to me that the issuing of this new and probably very acceptable coin may be made to some extent available in ridding the country of the so-called "fips" and "levies" — or 8th & 16th of a dollar which now pollute the specie currency. It is manifest that these pieces, distasteful as they are to the public yet passing currently at their nominal value — though really worth from 10 to 20 p. ct. less — will never disappear from the circulation unless they are bought up at their nominal value. To purchase them at par with the gold or silver coinage could not be done without the government sustaining a heavy loss. But the profit on the proposed cent is so considerable that to pay them out in exchange for the silver coin referred to would not only be attended with no loss but would, I think, yield a pecuniary advantage to the government. The new cents will be well received and much sought for. I have received many letters and personal requests to supply them at different parts of the Union, although not yet an authorized coin. If persons can procure them in exchange for *fips* and *levies* at their current or nominal value we will withdraw much of the latter from circulation. As to the policy of diminishing the amount of a currency so debased and illegible as that referred to, and withal so inconsistent with our decimal system of money and accounts I trust no argument is necessary.

In accordance with these views I suggest that the fourth section shall read as follows

"Section 4. "And be it further enacted, That it shall be at the discretion of the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury and upon due public notice to exchange the cents provided for by this act for copper coins now current, and also for the eighths and sixteenths of the Spanish, Mexican and South American dollar upon such terms as may insure the gradual withdrawal of those coins from circulation without loss to the United States."

I also suggest that the cost of manufacturing this copper coinage including wastage should be deducted from the apparent profit as well as the expense of distribution. For this end, Section 3, should be amended, by adding after the word *deducting* the words—" the cost of manufacturing the same and the"—

In Sect. 2. the word metal should read *metals*

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your ob^t. servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Hon. R. M. T. Hunter
U.S. Senate,
Washington City

February 28th., 5.

Sir:

The monthly examination required by the Regulations for the government of the Mint, exhibits a balance in the Treasury of the Mint, at the close of this days business of $1,056,958.78/100, as follows:

In Gold coins:	$397,220.[illegible]
" Silver "	655,571.20
" Copper fund: ~~Stationery fund~~	514.10 ~~[illegible]~~

agreeing with the balances stated upon the books of the Treasurer.

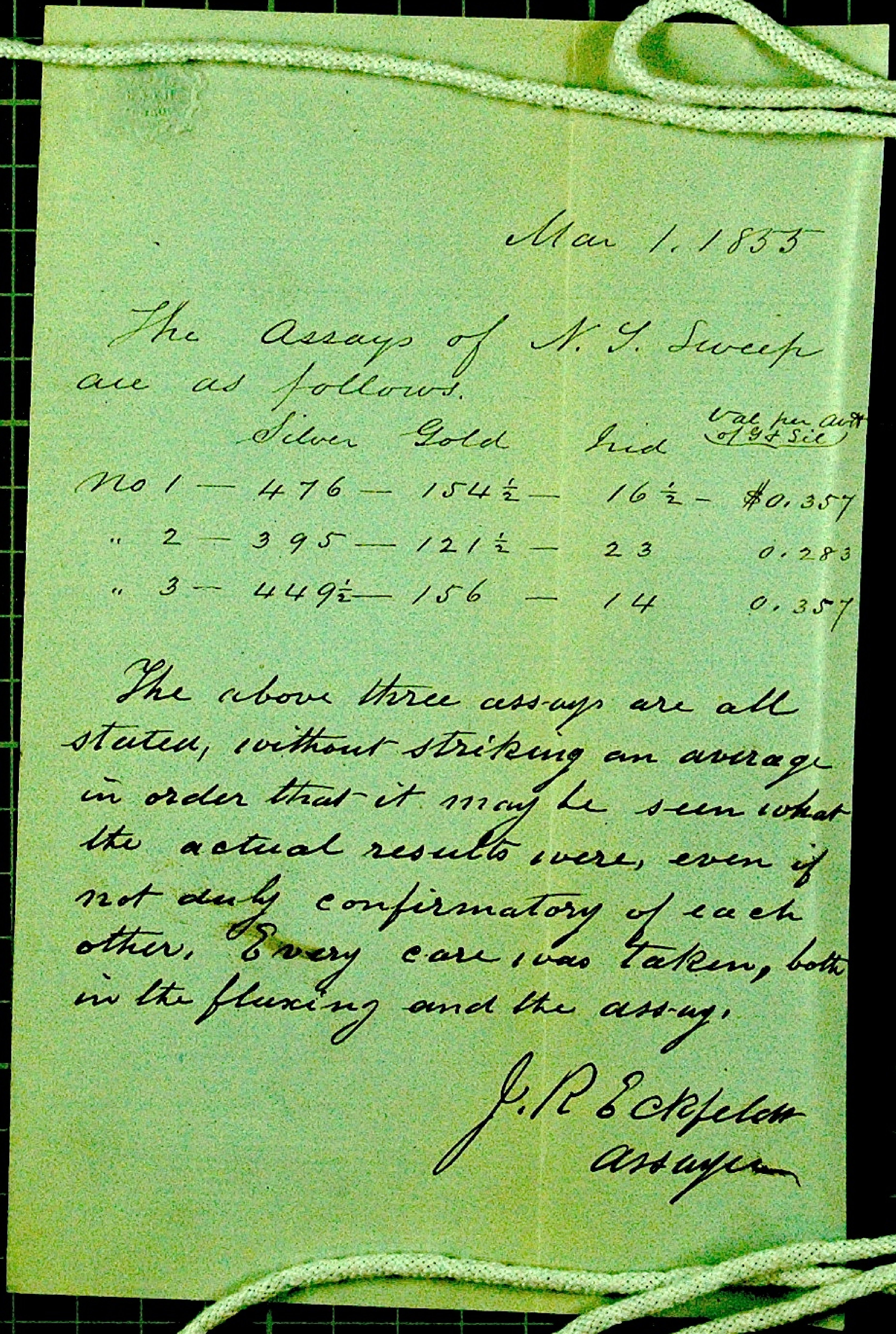
The balance, by count, at the same time, in the hands of the Assistant Treasurer of U.S. was found to be correctly stated upon that Officers books of A/c., as $735,819.36/100 in Gold and Silver Coins.

An examination into the condition of the Mint generally, gave satisfactory evidence of fidelity in each department and exhibited due care in the custody and protection of the precious metals, and proper attention to the interests alike of the public and the government.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful Servant:
James Ross Snowden.
Director

Hon: James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1855/ MARCH



Mar 1. 1855

The Assays of N. S. Sweep are as follows.

	Silver	Gold	Irid	Val per ozt of 9½ Sil
No 1 —	476 —	154½ —	16½ —	$0.357
" 2 —	395 —	121½ —	23	0.283
" 3 —	449½ —	156 —	14	0.357

The above three assays are all stated, without striking an average in order that it may be seen what the actual results were, even if not duly confirmatory of each other. Every care was taken, both in the fluxing and the assay.

J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
March 1st 1855

Hon'l Danl Sturgeon
Treasurer of the US Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

In examining your Copper a/c 4th Qr 1854 I do not find the invoices of Copper purchased or the bills of lading

Please supply the omission at your convenience

Very Respy &c
Your Obt Servt
T. L. Smith
Auditor

March the 1st; 5.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of 28th ulto., I would state, that the Treasurer of the Mint has but one keg of fifty dollars, in half cents, with which he can furnish you — the Mint paying the cost of transportation.

It is not probable that there will be a coinage of this coin again at any early date, so that should you require the keg I have mentioned, it would be well for you to secure it without delay.

I am, very respectfully,
James Ross Snowden.
Director.

S. D. Humphrey, Esq.,
New-York City.

March 1, 5.

The Editor of the Public Ledger will much oblige me by correcting, in such way as his own judgment may suggest, two material errors in the Abstract of my Report on Foreign Coins, published in the Ledger of this morning. The errors, I apprehend, did not originate with that paper paper; but the origin of them is a matter of no moment, and my only wish is to have a *correct* report, in a journal of so large circulation.

The figures appended to each denomination of coin, are correctly copied; but in the fourth column, the heading should indicate that the prices below are the mint values *per ounce*, *without premium*; while fifth, or final column, should indic ate; the mint prices *per ounce*, with pre mium

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Respectfully &c.

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